

Highland High School
Minutes of the School Community Council
April 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Highland High School Community Council (SCC) was held at Highland High School Room C110, 2166 South 1700 East Salt Lake City, Utah convening at 6:34 AM.

Present:

Chris Jenson, Principal
Sue Alder
Amy Foulks
Mary Lane Grisley
Christina Leavitt
Joan Lind
Bruce Simpson
Deidre Straight

Also in Attendance:

Marnie Davis
Matt Holton

Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.

Matt Holton joined the meeting to discuss the naming of the Highland High commons area Collett Commons. Matt explained that having more than sixty years of service, beginning with the first year that Highland had students, he is very deserving of the honor. Dean will be ninety in September. Matt is hoping to raise funds to have a portrait of Dean completed by a former student which will be hung in the school. The frame will be donated but Matt explained that he will need to raise approximately \$4,000. The School Board requires the school to survey the community. Principal Jenson will prepare and circulate a survey related to naming areas after Dean Collett, Pat Eddington and Larry Maxwell.

Prior to the meeting, Jenny Hardy sought approval for a New York trip during the 2018-19 school year. This was approved. In association with this trip, Jenny also requested permission to hold a fundraiser through myschoolfees which was approved. Katie Houston's mattress fundraiser was approved.

Minutes from prior meeting were circulated. No changes were suggested.

Principal Jenson provided a financial summary. Nine teachers have signed up for AVID summer institute to be held in Denver, CO. The training in Denver is now full. If there are funds available, Principal Jenson will allow other interested teachers to attend the AVID institute to be held in San Diego, CA.

It is recommended that a school not carryover more than 10% of Trust Lands money each year. This year, it is anticipated that of the \$175,000 budget, less than \$1,500 will be carried in to next year.

Principal Jenson provided updated data on GPA to Attendance which contained term three information. Freshman attendance improved as did sophomore attendance. The school is tracking under the goal of 9% chronic attendance issues and is currently at 8.5%. The academic scoreboard was won by the junior class. There are still gaps in many of the subgroups – particularly Hispanic. A discussion ensued about tracking attendance if the student misses some classes but not all of them throughout the day. This is looked at in SSC; Mary Lane reported that often times the student will attend the classes that he/she is interested in but not his/her core classes.

Mary Lane reported on the status of the EEP (Equity in Excellence Plan) noting some of the comments received from Highland parents on the four pillar survey that was sent out.

Principal Jenson reviewed the Trust Land Plan which was worked on during the March Council meeting. It is due April 23, 2018. Goals within the new plan were discussed at length:

- Goal #1 - \$125,000 to reduce class size, improve SAGE/ACT scores
- Goal #2 - \$20,000 to improve graduation rate. Much of these funds will go to educator training.
- Goal #3 - \$28,000 to decrease chronic/severe absenteeism. The school will continue to support the Freshman Success program as well as improve technology with the goal of increasing student engagement.

The Council discussed which parent members would be returning next year and which parents have served their two year term. Joan Lind will be stepping down as SCC chair. Anyone who is interested in being next year's chair and/or participating in the Council should talk to either Joan or Principal Jenson. It was recommended by several members that parents from both Hillside and Clayton Middle Schools be notified and information be shared with the community.

The Council talked about the upcoming Comcast Cares volunteer opportunity. This will be the third Comcast Cares day in as many years and the school will earn between \$15-\$18 per volunteer depending upon Comcast's community support budget.

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018 at 6:30 AM.