

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes September 12, 2007

Present: TeriLyn Baucom, , Rebecca Bennion, Ruth Campbell, Jose Corea, Kareen Corea, Liz Diamond, Suzanne Hammond, Karen Hansen, Chris Jenson, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Robin Larson, Unise Langi, Carolyn Nichols, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Linda Richins, Dennis Russell, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett, Sue Tice, Molly Welch, Laurel Young

Welcome: TeriLyn Baucom, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

Minutes of August meeting approved. Noted to add a SPA report to the agenda for today and future agendas; Kristi Swett will report

SHARED GOVERNANCE TRAINING: District representatives were present, guide and slide show handout given for review. Some key points were that the SIC Chair is not automatically on SCC, must be elected. Should also have the SLTA rep and PTSA represented. SCC is a place to share feelings. Agenda should be set by Chair and Principal and should include a principal's report, district updates and yearly reports of UPASS, LAND Trust, Child Access, Reading Achievement, Staff Development, Wellness Plan (see pp 11-12). Consensus decisions should be reached on site.

SCC CONCERNS: Teri Lyn Baucom

Boundary Letter sent to District, Superintendent's response and timeline discussed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Paul Schulte:

Budget: School Improvement discretionary budget was distributed. This is \$118,000, should be \$40,000 more next year due to overage last year with some confusion on grant spending for collaboration training. Substitute teacher budget is to facilitate collaboration. Paraprofessionals are freshmen mentors. Field Trips are to receive \$9000 for buses as the activity account went over last year. Kristi Swett noted that the Comprehensive School Reform grant was covering some paraprofessionals previously. BASE budget discussions are being held at the district level. A question was raised about textbooks and additional funds from the legislature. Currently there is a 6 year rotation or new books. This year's sophomore class is very large and needs more books. English paperbacks do not last the 6 years, and with collaborative learning, the same novel is studied across the school at the same time, require more books. Noted that SIC looks at the whole budget and SCC reviews discretionary.

Cool School of the Week: Big Buddha from Fox is here today as Highland won the voting last week, highlighting the Pep club, madrigals, ROTC, ceramics and food classes.

Homecoming is next week

Staff Updates: Treasure Anne Peterson is not well. West Bludworth is taking over some treasurer responsibilities and Jeremy Winn is covering West's job. Dean Collett did retire quietly at his request.

Enrollment: 1585, solid number, about 150 more than expected and we are still taking students. District looking at hiring for October, will address at that time how to handle.

AYP official results for next meeting. ACT school scores jumped and Highland is above the state and national average.

Capital Improvement Projects: Paul is meeting with the District in October. Send email to Paul by October 10 with suggestions. Bathrooms were discussed as needing to be high on the priority list.

IB Profile: Handout was given. Meetings to start with a consultant. Email Paul if you would like to be on the committee. Financial constraints are of concern. This will start as constricted program and is in the effort to be creative to attract more students. IB will run with AP, Concurrent enrollment and CTE, which will meet the needs of a variety of students. Hillside may want to be involved. Paul will work with Jane Larsen to discuss an 8-12 program. IB is not ELP, but a college prep program emphasizing critical thinking and processing. Ruth Campbell noted that the Concurrent English class is full. IB plans are to be discussed further at SIC.

Chris Jenson:

Attendance: Last year a commitment was made to look at attendance issues. Heather works with chronic non-attenders; Mike Gallegos working with those with one or more unexcused absences; also looking at those not in class- in hallways or parking lot. After school detention has started. First week had 10 students, last night there were 31 students there working on homework. 1 unexcused absence earns 4 one-half hour detentions. One parent complained this was not enough. Teachers are also helping by emailing those missing to the office. Perfect attendance will be recognized with incentives like a VIP parking spot.

Excused absences: Rob Price motioned to form a committee to address the excused absence policy. There is concern over teacher policy surrounding excused absences and questions whether certain teacher policies were in line with district policy. Question is standards were illogical. First discussions should be held with parent, student, teacher and administration over questions. A recommendation needs to be made that disclosures for clubs and athletics should be given very early. What is best for the student should be considered, and Rob wants to see a school foster support for well-rounded students who are trying everything. Paul committed to discuss the issues in Faculty Meeting and SIC, noting the community concerns. Motion was tabled, to follow-up next month with research and responses from Faculty and SIC.

PTSA Report: Robin Larson

Newsletter articles due the last week of the month.
ACT prep class starts this Thursday.

Foundation Tracy Schmidt Yard sale planned with the Business Partners.

Consent Agenda for two fundraisers: Motion to approve, seconded and all approved. Noted that trips already on the Plan to Plan document do not need to be approved again, only new trips.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 am.
Respectfully submitted, Liz Diamond