

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes October 10, 2007

Present: TeriLyn Baucom, Kerrie Baughman , Rebecca Bennion, Ruth Campbell, Jose Corea, Kareen Corea, Liz Diamond, Annette Dunham, Suzanne Hammond, Beau Hicken, Chris Jenson, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Uinise Langi , Robin Larson, Patricia Lawrence, Seyed Nazarinia , John Newman, Carolyn Nichols, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Linda Richins, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Ted Sierer, Diane Spencer, Sue Tice, Molly Welch

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

Minutes of September meeting approved.

SCC CONCERNS: Teri Lyn Baucom

Meeting Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30 will be discussing school security, staffing issues for basic high school funding, and a year-round treasurer.

STUDENT UPDATE: Beau Hicken

Highland Pride week is planned, student body officers recognizing individual birthdays.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Paul Schulte:

AYP: see handout of report, Highland did not pass. Must have participation rate of 95%, our participation went up. Positive indicators: some scores up dramatically, very close to making AYP. West is tracking students and made AYP, we are keeping folders on those who miss. Should go up next year, based on growth, not the goal.

UBSCT pass rate going up, see article in the PTSA newsletter.

School Improvement Plan (SIP): report passed out. Please read and review. Robin Larson is attending COW, all SCC members invited to attend. Also, parents not on SCC are welcome. Paul will email the COW schedule and we should announce in the newsletter. This meeting is the Tuesday after the first Monday right after school. Highlights of the main strategy points were reviewed. These include:

New hire training; PLC continuing with common assessment: focus on student work such as in World Language where students give an oral presentation that is filmed and Math where geometry and elementary algebra have common assessments, Fine Arts using common language. Each month a professional development component has training. ALS will have retraining in instructional strategy in November. Remediation and Intervention: Chris, Linda and Scott working on attendance. Danny Schwam with the alternative program with a Service Learning Program. Focus is on intervention sooner with an alternative program here instead of sending students elsewhere. Focus on 9th and 10th on those who are missing, 11th and 12th referred for credit recovery.

Frequent progress reports: better education on ESIS, tracking your own student.

Peer Tutoring by NHS, also trying to figure out how to use parents in the classroom.

Friends of Freshmen: freshmen will be assigned to a mentor at Ram Camp next year.

“Pick Two” program run by Carolyn Ebert, encouraging two extra curricular programs for each freshman to be more involved.

Cottage Meetings: Would like one a month, let Paul know if you have a home available.

Committee on Anti-Bullying and Hazing run by Linda Richins.

Freshman Open House to continue: January 8, 2008 with a home basketball game.

Home visits regarding attendance.

Focus on PLC is driving the SIP strategies the most, focus on meeting the instructional needs of the students. Chris Nielson gave compliments to the football coaches for placing emphasis on grades, tutor school and midterms.

It was recommended everyone read the SIP, especially the review of how we are doing at the first of the report.

Land Trust is connected to SIP. Committee members should be chosen in the November meeting and are due to the district November 30. A training DVD is being mailed that we will watch at the next meeting.

Budget: handout provided. Last month's report was not accurate as we reviewed only the new discretionary budget and we should look at last year compared to this year.

Attendance: Looking at policy for excused and unexcused trying to develop for extracurricular and multiple activities. Discussions have been held with faculty and a handout was created and passed out at this meeting. One to four days out: parent can write a note; over four days must be prearranged. Unexcused absences are set by board policy. A teacher's disclosure cannot override board policy. Please review and give Paul suggested language, he can clean up the document and present next meeting. Discussion ensued indicating common sense should be applied, students must learn to choose and set priorities and that this is not a problem unique to Highland. This list is a potential guideline; there is also a guideline for conflict resolution. Calendar items take priority; difficulty comes when things are thrown in as a two week notice is essential. Rob Price had letters from alumni that he was willing to circulate. Working on improving disclosures for performing groups and athletics as these should be distributed when auditioning. Communication is the key for success in managing the excused absence policy. Send any comments to Paul and we will have on agenda next month with improved language. Academics should be added to the document.

Security: Can discuss more next month. Everyone was frustrated with East rushing our field and our administration is taking the blame. The potential problem with rushing the field is that as teams shake hands and others are on the field the fight potential increases and threatens players being suspended from games. Cottonwood issue is being looked at the Region level. It has happened before that players were suspended. Highland is trying to have our students be respectful and improving their behavior and language. The penalty at Highland on the school level is suspension if a fight occurs and service for rushing. Consequences are based on whether the team is still on the field. The Murray police from the Cottonwood game are stating disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. The parents have filed complaints. Mr. Schulte indicated the East issue was addressed on HTVS. He encourages our students to be loud and proud in the right way and administration is working on doing a better job with the visiting team.

Capital Improvement Projects: Main themes have been field improvement, restrooms, and tile and PE lockers as they have a high theft rate. Paul will report next month.

SIC: Voted on calendars for the next three years. 1st choice calendar for all three years was the faculty favorite because of Spring Break. One third liked the 2nd choice calendar because school is out earlier.

Consent Agenda : Remove Fall Cheer Kid Clinic as it already occurred, Spring Cheer Clinic can remain on consent. Carolyn Nichols moved to approve, second by Robin Larson, all approved. A reminder that all fundraisers must be signed BEFORE they occur.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Diamond