

Highland High School Community Council

Minutes April 9, 2008

Present: TeriLyn Baucom, Rebecca Bennion, Ruth Campbell, Wendy Curtis, Liz Diamond, Suzanne Hammond, Beau Hicken, Chris Jenson, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Robin Larson, Patricia Lawrence, Gretta Millett, Seyed Nazarinia, Chris Nielson, Carolyn Nichols, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Molly Welch

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

MINUTES of March meeting approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: Fundraisers: Girls Basketball; Girls Volleyball- Coach Barnes, Assisting AAU tournament & helps out program; Cheerleaders- Cookie Dough; Cheerleaders- Noodles & Co Night 25% of sales to us on April 17.

Trip: AFJROTC

No objections. All Consent Agenda approved.

SCC CONCERNS: Teri Lyn Baucom

Meeting times, dates, agenda and minutes to be posted on the Highland website. Quarterly reports will be published in the Newsletter. Chris Nielson is currently chair-elect and will take over as chair in July.

District Board Meeting Report: Pro Start, our culinary class, presented to the Board. They competed at State competition. Next year our program doubles to 30 in the class. Beau Hicken spoke at the Board Meeting while the class cooked for the board last night. Report and presentation about the program will be on the school website.

Freshman Success: received an award from the Community of Caring. Board is presenting the idea at National Convention.

Enrollment: Board will look with principals and community members. West is overcrowded. Question is always what IS the optimal size?

SIC REPORT: Molly Welch

ESIS: discussed at Faculty Meeting. There is an issue with assignments put in before they are due, as it shows as a zero until graded. Faculty is committed to updating grades every week.

IB program: Four faculty members presented on different aspects. Will vote at first of May faculty meeting.

Parent Teacher Conferences: East and West are holding conferences on one day for six hours instead of two days. Community felt two days may be better for most parents. Sometimes a faculty member has a conflict on one of the days leaving only one day available to conference. If move to one day, must be SURE it is not on same day as any feeder schools. Wednesday may be ok to use, if 4th Wednesday, usually no sports. One day would be easier for teachers. May be easier if you have more than one student as time frame that day would be longer. Parents asked if the teachers want to see them if the students are getting good grades, and all agreed YES.

Invested parents are a key to success. Teachers should be sure to put their email address on the disclosure so parents could email if they could not conference. West has been at one day for a long time. Ugly Frog scheduling is great, we like getting parents in the whole building. Molly will keep us updated on discussions.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte

Discretionary Budget Report: handout given \$170,148. Will have some carry over to next year because we did not know until October that we had the full budget. Noted was the substitute budget for teacher retreats. Teachers have done twice and get remarkable learning. This is a very inexpensive way to create collaborative time. Next year the

district is paying for basic athletic trips (currently under field trips). Thought the supply budget was short but actually some funds there.

Trust Lands: will be in newsletter. Next year focus is continuing Freshman Success. Dean Collette will be back and helping with that. Adding 5 AP classes (total over 20). Adding concurrent English. Note that it is difficult to get teachers approved to teach concurrent with SLCC- trying to build our program). District has some CTE funds to give teachers one time for classes to get concurrent approval. Computer Tech, Criminal Justice concurrent. Would like to add Math concurrent.

Motion to approve Trust Lands, all approved. Paul will turn in the signature sheet.

SIP: handout distributed for review

K12 Connection: Instead of cottage meetings, Paul is visiting every elementary this spring, with a goal of twice a year. He is handing out a ½ sheet card stock “Highland High School Fact Card” When the new Hillside principal is announced, Paul will also work with Hillside. The goal is to create continuing Highland Pride. Fun facts will be on the school website.

Calendar: Set by the district, but high schools have a few days discretion, need 178 days. Highland will be out the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, President’s Day Feb 16, comp day after PTC in February. State Basketball tournament is the same week as Spring conferences.

Late Start for Collaborative Time: can be used as educational time. Highland always has extra time built into the calendar. 08-09 has six late starts. Buses will run late those days.

COW Meetings: reminder that these are open to the community every month.

STUDENT UPDATE: Beau Hicken

SBO Elections: announcement Friday. Next week class officers will have orientation. Assembly yesterday went well.

Rock the Lot Concert: community invited, May 3, 7:30 pm, will highlight musical talent. Highland, East, West & Olympus invited. Proceeds to Charity Drive, tickets \$5.

Spring Prom is Friday, not Saturday. Correction was not made on the newsletter calendar, so be sure to announce.

PTSA Robin Larson

PTSA bringing donuts this Friday.

Clean up Day April 26 10-12. Will be planting flowers, spreading bark, etc. District does have a new grounds person.

Last Blast is in the planning stages.

FOUNDATION April 12 Yard Sale, should be warm & sunny. Have lots to sell. Sign now up on 2100 South. Drop off today after school to 6 pm, and Friday. Need volunteers to help organize today and Friday at 4:00. Some items will be by bid.

Question about building improvements: Tile will be done over the summer, Paul will double check. New ladies restroom is having a problem with the light, in the breaker. They are working on it.

Note that May 2 is the Football Auction and Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Diamond