

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes September 10, 2008

Present: TeriLyn Baucom, Ruth Campbell, Kiersten Cole, Brian Conley, Wendy Curtis, Liz Diamond, Rachelle Doane, Virginia Ellison, Matt Evans, Suzanne Hammond, Karen Hansen, Suzanne Hawker, Joe Henderson, Chris Jenson, Erin Keenan, Karla Keller, Karen Klc, Unise Langi, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett, Molly Welch, Laurel Young

WELCOME: Chris Nielson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

Foundation Report, Tracy Schmidt: Foundation will have their first meeting on October 1st. They are supporting the musical this fall and looking for sponsors, distributing a flyer. Foundation appreciated support of the Yard Sale last April. They made between \$4000-\$5000.

Introductions were made, welcoming visitors from the district, Virginia Ellison and Brian Conley here for training.

Shared Governance training: Guide distributed, also on district website. Power Point presentation reviewed emphasizing openness, trust and consensus for SCC's. Reminder that Principal, SCC Chair and SIC chair are to set the agenda. Legislative updates and the district yearly timeline were also distributed. The Highland SCC has 14 voting members. Remember, we are all here for students. Virginia can be reached at 262-2267 and Brian at 578-8403 for questions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fundraisers: Cheerleaders: Kids Cheer Clinic for Football and Basketball

Trips: Road Race approved over the summer

Drama: 15 students to Cedar City (was on Plan-to Plan) Should have gone to SIC first, but since they have not met yet, asking for SCC approval conditional on SIC approval.

No objections. All Consent Agenda approved.

SCC CONCERNS:

District Boundary Discussion Update: Teri Lyn Baucom SCC sent a letter to the district last year in an effort to boost Highland's enrollment. It is felt we cannot compete with other high schools if we cannot keep staff due to declining enrollment. Highland enrollment 1541, East at around 2000, West 2500+. A committee over the summer was charged to make recommendations for changes to stabilize. Principals and SCC chairs recommended to clean up boundaries for Hawthorne and Lincoln, affecting 60-80 students. Option to bus to Highland was given to community on west side. Goal is to have all high schools in the district with similar demographics. Laurel Young pointed out that East and Highland are still open enrollment, West is now closed. Resident enrollment is 72.25% at Highland, 82.37% at West and 83.37% at East. Mr. Schulte commented that 1600 is a great enrollment number for a high school. This would not be a huge change for Highland, but would stabilize us. We have been able to add AP courses, additional intervention programs and ESL help. The tone of our initial letter was just to maintain our current programs. Kristi Swett commented that Nibley Elementary is now K-8, feeding right to Highland and Paul is working with their principal. Highland Park has had more students choosing Highland. Long-term goal is keeping neighborhood schools open. There is no threat to Highland closing. Looking at adding 7-8th ELP programs and SPA adds enrollment. For every 30 students not enrolled, we lose one teacher. Enrollment today is 1541, making us down one teacher from spring predictions, but budget has been reallocated, no actual teacher lost.

STUDENT UPDATE: Kiersten Cole

Hello Week was the first week of school, with the Hello Assembly the first day of school and it went very well. Drum Café presentation was great, and there were great decorations. Administration had suggested it and thanked the SBO's for accepting the idea. A slide show is on the Highland website. This was paid for by Foundation donations.

Freshman and Senate Elections are being held this week, with voting on Friday. **Homecoming** is next week. Pep Rally Monday, Alumni Social Wednesday, Drive In Movie on Thursday, Game Friday, Dance Saturday. Decorations are going up now. Compliments were given to the SBO's in reaching out and involving everyone.

SIC REPORT: Molly Welch

SIC has not met yet. They meet on the 4th Monday of the month. Let Mrs. Welch know if you have anything that should be presented.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte

Discretionary Budget Report: Handout given. Total is \$167,000. Amounts reviewed. NC equals non-contract employees and stipends. Substitutes are for teacher retreats twice a year. \$20,000 for meeting & workshops is for meals on training days and conferences. This budget is based on enrollment. Supply budget includes copies at the media center.

COW meeting: needs community participants. Faculty meeting is the first Monday of the month and COW is held the following Tuesday at 2:30 in Room C110 for anyone who would like to attend.

Accreditation: Seven committees to be evaluating. Need parent input, so look over the committee choices and choose one to join. The actual visit is November 2009. See website for the rubric evaluation. Guiding Questions for Focus Groups and Guiding Questions for School Profile handouts provided.

Fire Drill: There was actually smoke in the daycare yesterday, so an actual fire alarm was triggered, which served as the first drill for the year. Bert Steele, Administration, is working on the Highland Emergency Plan.

Football Games: Students have responded well to administration's requests and are clearing the field when asked. Goals for the upcoming East game: team has been instructed to shake hands quickly then exit to the south to greet fans.

Chris Jenson:

SIP: Desired results for student learners (DRSLs) posters are being distributed around the school. Carolyn Ebert will also be making posters about The Highland Way emphasizing involvement. Our SIP is active, focusing on DRSLs.

Trust Lands: using funds for teachers to increase AP offerings. Freshman success team- 4 staff, Sophomore success-2, Junior success- 1. Dean Collette working with this group.

PTSA _Rachelle Doane

See the PTA newsletter for the goals of PTA this year. Just ask if something is needed. First meeting is tomorrow. Teri Lyn Baucom is typing the newsletter and has the schedule.

SPA report: Kristi Swett Enrollment is at 160. Thanks to Suzanne Hawker for coordinating our Arts Council with SPA.

ARTS COUNCIL REPORT: Suzanne Hawker Musical is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Community very involved with elementary providing some chorus numbers. Dance, Madrigals and Choirs are all involved. See Mrs. Slagle or Mr. Newman if you have questions. The musical is scheduled around the football finals.

Attendance policy reminder of the new. Tardies are down. Every tardy has a 15 minute detention. Can serve, tutor, be tutored or pay a fine. Only 270 tardies total since school started with around 1600 enrollment is a significant improvement. Absences, excused or unexcused, must have make up time arranged with the teacher on the 4th absence on a quarterly basis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Diamond