

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes January 13, 2010

Present: Pam Croft, Suzanne Hammond, Jan Haug, Connie Hopkins, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Chris Jenson Unise Langi, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett

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

CONSENT AGENDA

FUNDRAISERS: Cheerleaders—selling roses and Crush for Valentines Day. Delivered to students during school time Feb 12. Can pay online. Approved.

Boys Basketball—selling Jambagrams (Jamba Juice) for Valentines Day. Sell at basketball games. Deliver coupons or juice to classrooms on Feb 12. Administration would like to talk with SBO's and cheerleaders to see how it will impact their fundraisers before approving.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte/Chris Jenson

Accreditation visits will occur on Feb 8, 9, 2010. A school goes through the accreditation process every 6 years. The accreditation team of 8 educators will meet with the faculty for breakfast on Feb 8 at 7:00. Community members will meet with the accreditation team for lunch on Feb 9 at 12:05 in the Commons. The School Improvement Plan stresses 4 DRSLs (Desired Results of Student Learning): literacy, numeracy, study skills, soft skills.

Student Registration starts the first of Feb. Students will register using ESIS on the computers in the Computer Labs with the counselors. They will still bring cards home to use for a worksheet and for teacher signatures. The Highland website will have an explanatory video and a course catalog. Parents can check online to view the schedule but can't change it. It was suggested that there be help for parents to see the schedule in the Library during Parent Teacher conferences.

NCAA clearinghouse requirements were discussed by Chris Jenson. These requirements change year to year and Highland counselors and coaches need to be aware of the changes. It was suggested that one counselor be designated to be the expert on these requirements.

USOE website is available for anyone who is interested. The UPASS scores show that all grades have improved in Language Arts since 2006. Highland has made AYP the last 2 years. There are programs available at Highland for the top and bottom groups of students, but what is available for the middle group? Chris said that the Freshmen Success team monitors all 9th grade students and concurrent classes give students a college experience without taking AP classes. Other resources are CTE and Honors classes and help for first generation college bound students.

COW (Committee of the Whole) meets the 2nd Tues. at 2:30 in C110 to develop the School Improvement Plan.

Modified Block Schedule will be implemented by all 3 district high schools. Administration will meet with department chairs to determine which classes will meet every day. There will be a small percentage that will meet every day and it will depend on teacher request. Parents asked

if Shared Governance had been followed. Paul said that each teacher will decide which schedule their class will follow. Kristie Swett of the School Board pointed out it has been discussed for years. Teachers disagree with the process of the decision but will use it if it applies to individual classes. They want what is best for students.

Next Meeting

February 10, 2010, 6:30 am

Meeting adjourned 7:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Hammond