

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes, Oct 13, 2010

Present: Warren Brodhead, Pam Croft, Monica French, Tyler Glauser, Aaron Hall, Suzanne Hammond, Chris Jenson, Unise Langi, Chris Nielson, Latai Nonu, Jim Olson, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett, Jill VanLeeuwen, Molly Welch.

WELCOME: Pam Croft, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

CONSENT AGENDA

TRIPS:

1. Drama—Phaidra Atkinson: Theatre conference in St. George Jan 20-22 for 20-30 students. Going by bus with 2-3 chaperones. Miss 2 days of school. \$180/student—no fundraisers. Not on Plan-to-Plan because drama teacher is new this year so will need to be approved by the Board.
2. Debate—Dave Smith: USC Nov 4-7 for 10-15 students. Miss 2 days of school. Going by charter bus with 2 chaperones. \$250/student—no fundraisers.

All approved. Paul Schulte mentioned that there is money in the discretionary budget to cover subs for teachers taking students on these trips. It was discussed that there needs to be one chaperone for 10 students and of both genders if both genders are involved in trips.

SCC: Chris Nielson

Pam Croft is the SCC Chair for 2010-2011. Need to elect a secretary.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte/Chris Jenson

SCC members need to sign signature page in Paul's office.

UBSCT Tests will not be given next few years. Highland will pilot a new program: Sophomores will take the PLAN test Nov 11,12, 15. Nov 11, 12 will be during World History classes and Nov 15 is a RAM (late start) day. Sophomores will come at 7:45 and the rest of the school will start at 9:50. Juniors take the ACT March 1. PLAN has 2 parts—an interest and career inventory and a reading, writing, math, science section to prepare for the ACT. ACT is not designed as a high school exit exam, but it is a good opportunity for all juniors to take it.

Walk out: On Fri, Oct 1, 120-140 students walked out of classes during the last half hour of school to protest the extra 20 minutes added to the school day with the new modified block schedule. All parents of those students were notified and the students were given a detention.

Modified Block Schedule Committee is being put together by Chris Jenson and Monica French to analyze and improve the effectiveness of the schedule. The committee will consist of teachers involved in the split block, students, and parents. Administration supports and endorses the schedule. The record shows that Highland PTSA unanimously supports the schedule and that the schedule was on the agenda for SCC every month last year. Currently, the classes being split are: LA 9, Reading 9, Earth Systems, and Algebra A. There will be a file on the shared drive where teachers can record their observation anonymously about the schedule.

Computer costs: The district policy for computers in the building is a 4:1 ratio, including teachers' computers. Highland is over by 136 computers and has been billed \$8300 for computer maintenance and software. Possible solutions are to close some computer labs, but those

computers will be needed for CRT testing. This is the first year schools have been charged and Paul is working with the district.

Banners have been installed on 2100 south. The cost was about \$3000.

SIC: Monica French

Modified Block Schedule: All involved will need to help problem solve different issues. One issue is students who must leave early for sports are missing more school time. Suggestions are to reduce lunch by 5 min or have the region back up start times for games.

North Parking Lot is still a safety issue with parents dropping off students. District is looking at eliminating parking spots against the soccer field and making all parking faculty parking.

Shared Governance and Written Agreement will be studied monthly at each SIC meeting to learn how they work together.

STUDENT UPDATE: Tyler Glauser

Homecoming was last week with a great Pep Rally. Busses to away games have been very successful.

“I’ve Got Talent” assembly will replace the cultural assembly on Nov 4.

“Highland Reborn” T shirts are on sale for \$8.

Upcoming:

Powder Puff Football Oct 25

Masquerade Stomp Oct 29

Sadie Hawkins Dance Nov 12

PTSA: Jill VanLeeuwen

Since the newsletter is now online, the reminders for articles will be online. Hard copies are available in the office. Reflection theme is “Together We Can” and entries are due Nov 8.

SPA: Kristi Swett

Enrollment is up by 35

SLCSD: Kristi Swett

Changes in the Anti Harassment Policy will be discussed at the board meeting Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm. You may speak at the meeting or send emails.

Next meeting: November 10, 6:30 AM

All meetings held 2nd Wednesday of each month, Room C110

Meeting adjourned 7:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Hammond