

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Present

Kerrie Baughman, Joyce Cahill, Suzanne Hawker, Karla Keller, Joan Lind, Joanne Moffatt, Latai Nonu, Jim Olson, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett,

SCC Chair: Jim Olson

- Welcome – Jim Olson called the meeting to order at 6:30 am
- Minutes from last meeting were approved

- Fundraisers – the following fundraisers were approved
 - HOSA: selling Lindt chocolates and scrubs
 - Men's Soccer: Fun Run with teachers and staff
 - Instrumental Music: selling tickets to a Rumbi, spirit night performance
 - Debate: sign people up for xany.com (sp?) texts, for group deals

- Jim came back from meeting with Mayer Beck and SCC members with question for SCC: What are we doing to help kids with their desire and confidence level to go on to post-secondary opportunities?
 - How is Highland doing? Every student gets SEOP, AVID is getting momentum, PACE partnership with SLCC including internships and paid positions, emphasizing academics during senior year, free ACT class, classes with guest speakers come in (e.g.: welding, other CTE classes)
 - Possible improvements: better parent involvement, helping families out with FAFSA forms, increase counselor to student ratio, more access for students to real-life experience and application by bringing in people working in the real world
 - SCC liked this idea: during the 8th grader night, have another place for the other grades to come and interact with departments, then all could go on to watch the basketball game, PTSA could help

- Bullying: this should be addressed on an ongoing basis
 - What are we doing as parents, community to help kids
 - Kids need to feel comfortable talking to a trusted adult
 - Continue to try to get rid of “rights of passage”
 - Service helps kids get out of themselves, see others' situations, a possible graduation requirement, for example: 3 hours and a reflective paper

Administration Report: Paul Schulte

- Attendance: our average daily attendance is going up and our chronic absences are going down
 - Same numbers across all demographics, interestingly
 - Kids have responded well to the random drawing from names of kids who were not absent the day before, an immediate reward was successful, could continue to do that this year

- SIP: need to plan a day for SCC to put together School Improvement Plan
- Website: new site should be up in the new year, will be easier to submit items

PTSA: Suzanne Hawker

- Awards for teachers: will be nominating teachers for statewide awards including the Golden Apple, the Huntsman, as well as awarding our own Staff of the month
 - An email was sent out to families to nominate teachers, begins in January
 - Teachers love it

Meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30 am

Next SCC: Wednesday, January 9th, 2012 6:30 am

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Moffatt