

Highland High School
Minutes of the School Community Council
October 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Highland High School Community Council (SCC) was held at Highland High School Room C110, 2166 South 1700 East Salt Lake City, Utah convening at 6:34 AM.

Present:

Joan Lind, Chairperson
Chris Jensen, Principal
Sue Alder
Lauren Blegg
Kerrie Baughman
Wendy Curtis
Dayna Evans
Cecilia Foster
Amy Foulks
MaryLane Grisley
Kate Jensen (by phone)
Jennifer Johnston
Doreen Carey
Lisa Morley
Joanne Moffatt
Alise Orlandi
Chris Rich
Bruce Simpson
Kristi Swett
Maggie Tesch

SCC Items of Business:

- Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.
- No consents for field trips were presented.
- The following consents for fund raisers were presented by Principal Jensen and approved by the Council:
 - Fashion Design Studio – Online Snap Raise
 - Cross Country/Track – Selling Water at State Meet
 - Girls Basketball – Selling HH Apparel
 - Girls Basketball – Online Snap Raise
 - Girls Basketball – Advertisements on Banners
 - Girls Basketball – Selling Concessions at Home Games
- Dress Code – The Oregon NOW (National Organization for Women) Model Student Dress Code was distributed to all attendees. This dress code policy is a sample policy which will be considered as the Council considers amendments to the school's current dress code policy. A subcommittee was created to work on dress code regulations which will be headed by Maggie Tesch and Kate Jensen. These two parent members will work with administration and create a proposed revision to the dress code for the full Council to review prior to the November meeting. Because of Shared Governance, all of the

stakeholders must approve any changes. The changes must not conflict with district policy.

Administration:

- Principal Jensen presented the 2016-17 budget for review: 1029 (Main Principal's Discretionary Budget), 1024 (Principal's Discretionary – set aside to fund graduation which is approximately \$10,000), 4222 (Trust Lands Budget). Three paraprofessionals are being supported by the SL Board rather than from the Trust Lands money. The funds originally budgeted for paraprofessionals will be reallocated to pay for another counselor. There will be additional funds allocated to reduce class size; Principal Jensen will circulate recommended class changes to SCC through email.
- The Council discussed the funds earned during the Spring 2016 Comcast Cares fundraiser. Funds will be allocated to groups (choir, sports teams, etc.).
- Principal Jensen presented SAGE goals and graduation rate goals for the current school year. Baseline for (unexcused) attendance is 10% - the council set this year's goal at 7%. The school is adding tools to support ethnic sub-groups, has made improvements to address transportation issues, and is using paraprofessionals to assist with chronic absenteeism. Last year, some of the chronic absenteeism was due to transportation issues. Consideration is being made for updating the school's attendance tracking system. Administration is looking at a program called Identimetrics which would tie into PowerSchool. Discussion about defining an absence is a topic being discussed in SIC.
- The Council discussed student internet safety and Internet filtering.
- BYOD access for students was discussed. Highland High currently does not have the network infrastructure required to provide Internet connectivity to every student. Bandwidth is limited and consideration is being made for permitting a limited number of students, based upon need, to access the school's WiFi.
- MaryLane Grisley asked that all parent members complete an IB Program questionnaire and return it to her no later than 11/09/16.
- School counselors are proposing a change to the requirements for the Honors Diploma which gives special recognition to graduates including a special sash and their name in the graduation program. The requirements have not been updated for many years. Comparisons between Highland's Honors Diploma program and similar programs of other local high schools were made. The Counselors are proposing that Highland adopt West High's standard which would further encourage students to enroll in more challenging courses during their senior year. If accepted, the change would be phased in, possibly starting with Freshman entering Highland this year.

Student Update:

- CeCe Foster, the Student Body President, shared a few of the SBO initiatives for the current school year including word of the week. The last A day lunch of each week, SBOs interact with students about the chosen vocabulary word and give prizes for participation. In addition, SBOs are giving a birthday card and candy to every student during the week of the student's birthday. Student government will be partnering with the National Honors Society to sponsor a Utah Food Bank food drive. Principal Jensen mentioned that CeCe has been very supportive of and has been promoting the Safe Utah Tip Line.

SIC:

- Nothing to report

District Report:

- Nothing to report

Student Update:

- Nothing to report

PTA:

- Nothing to report

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 at 6:30 AM.