

Highland High School
Minutes of the School Community Council
February 8, 2017

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 6:30 AM.

Present:

Joan Lind, Chairperson
Sue Alder
Kerrie Baughman
Siena Collins
Dayna Evans
Kerry Ferguson
Mary Lane Grisley
Katie Ieremia
Alise Orlandi
Kristi Swett
Maggie Tesch

SCC Items of Business:

- Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.
- There were no consents for fund raisers or field trips presented.
- The Council discussed the proposed school dress code policy:
 - Kristina Kindl, Executive Director of Policy and Legal Services and Whitney Banks, Compliance and Investigations from the Salt Lake City School District were involved in making the recommended policy changes. Students from Highland High and members of SCC were also involved.
 - The issue of the current Highland High dress code being out of compliance with the current Salt Lake City School District policy was raised.
 - Members of the Council discussed the importance of teacher buy-in and equal enforcement.
 - Education of teachers and students will need to be coordinated if the proposed dress code policy is adopted.
 - The SCC members agreed that the section explaining that opaque fabric is required on the front and sides of shirts and dresses should remain a part of the policy.
 - Principal Jenson will present the dress code to SIC.

Administration:

- Freshman, sophomore and junior student registration for 2017-18 will be completed by February 8, 2017. Hillside Junior High School registration will be completed the week of February 13, 2017. The class schedule will be put together based upon registration results and presented to the District during the first week of March 2017.
- West High School is piloting a program that encourages students to have phones inactive during school hours. The program is free to schools. Katie Ieremia is working with the software company to become a beta tester.

- Comcast Cares will take place again in 2017. Katie Ieremia will have more information after a planning meeting which has been scheduled. She will also provide, at the request of SCC, a breakdown of the money that was earned during the 2016 Comcast Cares day including the amounts received by individual clubs, teams and departments.
- The Council discussed the recent bomb scare. It is thought that the person who threatened Highland High was the same person who threatened Hillside Middle School. Authorities continue to investigate the situation.

SIC:

- Two teachers retired and have been replaced. The transition occurred over the winter break and has gone smoothly.
- Highland High has decided to raise funds for the Make a Wish foundation. The goal of this schoolwide fundraiser is \$7,500.00. Donations may be made on myschoolfees.com.

District Report:

- Kristi Swett discussed a school funding amendment, S.B. 80 which is being sponsored by Senator Lincoln Fillmore, a Utah State senator. This is an equalizer bill which would take funds from school districts such as Salt Lake and allocate them to districts that have less funding. This bill has passed in the senate but the house has not yet voted. Kristi Swett encouraged the Committee members to reach out to members of the legislature in opposition to the bill which would take funds away from Salt Lake City schools.

PTA:

- The PTA will provide dinner for the teachers during parent teacher conferences scheduled to begin February 28, 2017.
- To show support for Highland High teachers, the PTA is creating a banner.
- To raise funds, the PTA is ordering Highland High drink tumblers which will be sold at sporting events next year for \$10. Refills during the games will be offered at a reduced price.

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017 at 6:30 AM.