

## Highland High School Community Council

Minutes November 14, 2007

**Present:** TeriLyn Baucom, Claudia Bellamy, Rebecca Bennion, Ruth Campbell, Liz Diamond, Suzanne Hammond, Karen Hansen, Beau Hicken, Chris Jenson, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Robin Larson, Patricia Lawrence, Gretta Millett, Lisa Morrise, Seyed Nazarinia, Carolyn Nichols, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Diane Spencer, Kristi Swett, Molly Welch, Laurel Young

**Welcome:** TeriLyn Baucom, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

**Minutes** of October meeting, Rob Price motioned, Ruth Campbell second, all approved.

**SCC CONCERNS:** Teri Lyn Baucom A reminder that ALL fundraisers must be approved, even those that happen every year.

**Chair Elect** was supposed to be chosen last spring and TeriLyn has been asking for volunteers. Chris Nielson was nominated by Liz Diamond, second by Karla Keller, all approved. Chair is a one year position. Note that Suzanne Hammond is the Vice-Chair, this is a school employee position.

**Land Trust** is due by November 30.

**COW schedule** Works on SIP, schedule was circulated. Dates are 12/4,1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/8, 5/9. Any parents interested are welcome to join. An announcement is to be put in newsletter. Extra meetings will be held in January and February.

**Clean up Day-** flyer handed out. Our janitorial staff is low right now, the main janitor is out for surgery. PTA is sponsoring this event for parents and students to help pick up trash, leaves, etc. There are two departments at the district that are over buildings and ground. Highland will be focusing on litter issue- taking pride in clean up, trying to get the students mind-set changed. Need a high power washer for Saturday. Clubs will focus on planting, etc. in the future. Jennifer Foote is working on these projects.

**Enrollment:** handout provided by Kristi Swett. Northwest quadrant is seeing growth. Projections for Highland are flat. We are at 1571 enrolled this year, but there is no absolute number. Comments were made that Highland is doing a good job at advertising US. IB program will be good to add as it was noted that 65 students that should be at Highland are at West. The first year of IB could retain 30 of those students. Boundary discussions are going on at the district level. It is not just about selling the school, we want to retain teachers. Our enrollment is right at the projected level and we are working on decreasing attrition. We will add Attrition as a standing agenda item. The Freshman class is larger than predicted, ken Grover at CTE has helped. We have added an additional algebra and environmental science classes. Classes were at 40-41, now at 30-36. Classes are still very large across the board. Students are showing up to classes. Teachers are facing low morale. They feel that if the class size becomes reasonable, reduction is imminent. Intervention classes are small. Next year may have to adjust. More kids passing tests, but it is impacting other classes being large. Master schedule is being discussed with the superintendent this week. AP classes should be okay to carry at lower enrollment numbers.

### **STUDENT UPDATE:** Beau Hicken

**Highland Pride Week**, "Go Rams!" calls being made to homes for prizes.

**Club Week** is also going on with posters and lunchtime activities.

**Food Drive** competition with East, winner gets a party at the HPER building at U of U. Drive ends November 20. **Drive In Movie** held last weekend. Lots of community members attended and they collected 160 cans. A **Band Competition** concert is planned for May 3.

Beau was asked to be sure the **dances** are in the newsletter: dates, boys/girls choice, dress, etc. so parents are aware of what is coming.

**Foundation: Tracy Schmidt**

Yard Sale is April 12- goal is \$25,000. Foundation supports many groups. Teachers may request funds from Foundation. An open house will be held November 29 and an invitation will be emailed. Businesses are planning on donating items, working on how to store the items.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

**Paul Schulte: Capital Improvement Projects** Restrooms by gym being done now, should be finished by basketball season. Tile will be replaced floor by floor during the year, starting in the D wing. Changing restroom heat valves and other restroom repair. Field discussions also being held. Community feedback helped decide what was to be done.

**Attendance and Absences Document:** reminder this is a living, working document. Please provide feedback to Mr. Schulte.

**Fees and Fee Schedule:** handout given. Parking was set at \$25. The question had been asked earlier why- it was to go to a specific project the year it was raised. Tracy Schmidt would like a sub-committee to meet on sports fees issues. We need clarification of the "additional fee". This is the maximum a group can ask for, up to teacher/coach discretion, but having it on the registration document is confusing and we may consider removing it. Fundraisers can offset for sweats, extra equipment, etc. TeriLyn, Chris Jenson and Paul will look at the "additional fees". This is not due until January 21.

**Freshman Success Team:** handout and presentation from Claudia Bellamy. Focus has been on English. 50 students are chronic, failing every class. Danny Schwam is tracking and running the intervention program. Claudia is looking at anything below 2.0 coming from the middle school. They are servicing 7-10 times more students this year. Student Service Council run by Chris Jenson. Parents, students and counselors meet to discuss. High school attendance is a problem across the country. This is part of Freshman success and the team is making a difference for those kids in the cracks. NHS helps tutor at lunch.

**Chris Jenson: Business Partners Meeting** was held with the Sugarhouse Merchant Association to address the Foundation Yard Sale April 12. SMA is very supportive. We will be able to advertise with local area businesses. Some may donate goods and services. Twelve area businesses are currently helping with student incentives. Report cards will be shown for stickers that will give the students discounts. Sue Tice will advertise.

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**SIC: Molly Welch** SIC report will be moved to first of agenda for future meetings so Ms. Welch can get to class. Debate trip was discussed- no need to approve as it is already on the plan-to-plan document.

**PTSA Robin Larson** Deadline for Newsletter is this Friday. No newsletter will be mailed in December so this is a big newsletter. Send articles to Julie Price.

January 8 is the Open House for Incoming Freshmen.

PTSA would like to sponsor a fundraiser using students to wrap at Barnes and Noble. PTSA would then give the funds to the clubs participating. TeriLyn will check if this is allowed and will have an email vote to approve if needed. If PTSA provides the volunteers and keeps the money, no approval is needed.

**Consent Agenda: BOND Club** wrapping at Borders, presented. Patrician Lawrence moved to accept, Rob Price second, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 am. Respectfully submitted, Liz Diamond