

Highland High School Community Council

Minutes February 13, 2008

Present: TeriLyn Baucom, Rebecca Bennion, Ruth Campbell, Liz Diamond, Suzanne Hammond, Chris Jenson, Doug Jorgensen, Karla Keller, Robin Larson, Seyed Nazarinia, Carolyn Nichols, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Paul Schulte, Diane Spencer, Molly Welch

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

April 12 Foundation Yard Sale: Flyer and explanation from Tracy Schmidt, Foundation Chair. They need donation from businesses and neighbors. Need neighborhood representative for North of 1700 South. Storage is available under the school. Volunteer list passed around. SBO's will be asked to help. Automotive class will fix up any donated cars.

MINUTES of January meeting. Carolyn Nichols motion to approve, Molly Welch second. All approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: Football Auction is May 2, not May 9.

Reminder on fundraisers that no door-to-door sales and no quotas can be required. Question about funds raised offsetting a purchase (i.e. my \$100 goes directly to my uniform) will be looked into. Rob Price motioned to approve, Suzanne Hammond second. All approved.

SCC CONCERNS: Teri Lyn Baucom

AB Day schedule: SCC chairs were at a district meeting and would like each SCC present a motion to the district to have this option reviewed; ABABA, ABABB on alternating weeks. This schedule will help get volunteers in the school. Principals have looked at it and targeted the number of Mondays missed for holidays. It evens out over a year, but may need some adjusting quarter by quarter. Teachers are concerned about Friday turning into a test day, but since the Friday is not a "C" day, it should work out. Parent concern about two B days in a row for those with Thursday night activities. The environment now is that you have a day to get your homework done. This change would need to be district wide. Students concerned that Friday schedule may be confusing. Short weeks would need to be worked out so each class has the same number of hours. Motion by Chris Nielson, second by Carolyn Nichols to recommend that the district look at this as a schedule option, with the caveat to ensure short weeks are addressed and classes are even quarter by quarter.

SCC Survey: Will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences and in teachers' boxes.

PTC evaluation: How is it working? Parents like the scheduling. It would be nice if the program linked automatically to your child's teachers. It is hard if teachers do not make themselves available. It is nice when Highland is not on the same day as Hillside.

SCC Elections: Ballots will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences. SPA parents can be on Highland's SCC as a community member, but only parents can vote. SPA does not have their own SCC yet.

School Land Trust State Office of Education Presentation: Margaret Berg presented the annual report brochure. Three bills are currently in the legislature that SCC's should be aware of.

HB by Menlove: would let the SCC decide if elections are held in the spring or in the fall.

HB- would provide for elections by secret ballot.

HB by Bigelow: intention is good. Would require report to all mid-year and annually, by voicemail, email or mailing.

State Office will be emailing today.

Highland's Land Trust Plan is great, all academic. Note that money does not need to be all for disadvantaged students, can be for exam fees, gifted programs, etc.

Charter schools do get their own Trust Land money. Suggestions are welcome from SCC's to School Land Trust at www.schoollandtrust.org. This site also shows dollar amounts, projects, and a query function to other schools. Funds had a transition this year because of a change in the timeline for submission. Final report is now due at the end of the summer. District business administrator turns in the data. The educational DVD for SCC's to review just arrived, so TeriLyn will review and will try to watch it at our next meeting. COW is looking at

recommendations for next year at next month's meeting. It is hard to tell right now exactly how much money we will have because of the economy.

Paul Schulte: Report on this year's Land Trust Plan. Based on the Freshman Success Team personnel, which are four people. 1st term, 105 students serviced. 2nd term, 153 students serviced. 3rd term will focus on all core subjects: science, math, language arts and social studies. Trying to find ways to make the money go farther. Claudia Bellamy is the coordinator and others are all part-time. Would like to expand program to sophomores next year. We will get \$13,000 back for UBSCCT help from the district this year and this will go back to personnel. We had the most pass in the district thanks to Kerry Hardy.

Update on grades: 2nd term, 47 freshmen failed English. Found that if you are IN class, you will pass. 40 of these have attendance problems.

Chris Jenson: will head an Attendance Problems Committee

SIC REPORT: Molly Welch

Honors Diploma: discussed at faculty meeting last Monday. Looking at increased rigor, not necessarily more classes. Committee with faculty from each department and parents will be formed.

Computer Issues: have been resolved.

Citizenship: Is it important? West High is not using citizenship grades, but still using comment codes on report cards. Parents indicated we need SOME report on student's behavior and comments can be just as effective. Teachers like the comments. Citizenship is no longer required for graduation. Legend for comments needs to be fixed on the report cards.

IB program: Will be discussed again. A committee with parents, students and faculty will be formed. Voting will take place again at the September faculty meeting. Paul Schulte has the list of those who previously indicated they would like to be on this committee. Next IB application due March 1, so this is good to now step back and look at it again in September. One time money has been pledged again, and the legislature currently has a bill that would provide IB funding.

STUDENT UPDATE: Beau Hicken Charity Drive currently in progress. Funds will go to building a wall around an Afghanistan orphanage. Change jars are being passed, Empowering Nations is having a charity concert in March, and a ping pong tournament is being planned as well as a raffle at the Freak East game.

Spirit Week is March 9 and the drive will end that week.

SBO Election Orientation is planned to encourage a lot of candidates from diverse backgrounds.

March Madness Stomp March 21

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte & Chris Jenson

Handbook: must have attendance policy and other notices and must be reworked this year, not just reprinted. A sheet was passed for volunteers for a committee to review.

Plan to Plan first look at trips and expenses. Know it is missing debate trips. District is reviewing travel. More detailed plan to plan will be sent out electronically.

Underrepresented Students: Utah College Advisor Corps can provide an advisor to help. A new grant is underway for ALL juniors to take the ACT.

Pro Start our food prep CTE class prepared the Senate dinner this week.

Dean Collette 4A Super Fan of the Year award will be given at the Basketball State Semi-Finals

Cottage Meetings: trying to schedule with the elementary schools as host.

Senior Year: trying to focus on keeping rigor. Data from the College Board is that our seniors are taking more rigorous courses.

PTSA Robin Larson Nominating committee is forming now and looking for next year's PTSA board members.

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