

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes November 12, 2008

Present: Teri Lyn Baucom, Cheryl Benson, Kiersten Cole, Kareen Corea, Wendy Curtis, Rachelle Doane, Suzanne Hammond, Karen Hansen, Suzanne Hawker, Chris Jenson Doug Jorgensen, Erin Keenan, Karla Keller, Karen Klc, Patricia Lawrence, Chris Nielson, Paul Schulte, Toni Simmons, Kristi Swett, Molly Welch.

WELCOME: Chris Nielson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

Minutes: Minutes approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

FUNDRAISERS: HOSA will be selling scrubs.

TRIPS: Girls Basketball (42 people) to St. George Dec 19--20. Miss one day of school. All consent agenda approved.

SCC BUSINESS: Chris Nielson

Chris Nielson complimented Highland fall sports for their performances, and especially the football team on their conduct in St George and the support of the fans.

Karla Keller, who is a member of Hillside SCC, commented that the new administration at Hillside Middle School is desirous to work with Highland in preparing their students for Highland.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte

Focus Groups for Accreditation: Focus groups being set up for accreditation: Curriculum Development; Instructional Strategies; Assessment of Student Learning; Educational Agenda: Vision, Beliefs, Mission and Goals; Leadership for School Improvement; Community-Building; Culture of Continuous Improvement and Learning. Faculty and administration will head each group. They would like at least one community member per group. The findings of each group will be shared via SIC, SCC, COW.

Rachel's Challenge: Rachel was the first victim of the Columbine shootings. Before her death, she wrote "My Code of Ethics" stressing random acts of kindness. Her family will share her vision in a multi-media assembly Dec 1, follow-up training with 100-150 students, and a community meeting at Highland at 7:00 that evening. Community and students from Hillside, Clayton, and Nibley Park are invited. There is a link on the Highland web site.

IB: Principal Paul Schulte has received a letter from Superintendent McKell Withers about the IB program. It states that the SLCS D supports the implementation of the IB program at Highland and will provide financial support, pay the yearly IB dues, and provide resources for professional development to be prepared for implementation for the 2010-2011 school year. Paul will email letter to faculty. Hillside is looking at a middle school program which will mesh with IB at Highland.

Attendance Policy: Only 70 out of 1500 students need to make up absences. There are many more students with tardies, but it is getting better.

Datawise: Highland administration has been invited to be one of 12 high schools in the state to be part of the Datawise group. They are evaluating CRT English scores, which are used for AYP. Last year's 10th graders had 37 students who did not pass. They compared that with those same students as 9th graders with 83 not passing.

Capital Improvements: This year's improvements for Highland:

Replace tile in hallways

Update athletic facilities (Football field replaced, new wrestling room, new track, practice field redone, north field will become a soccer field with loss of some parking spaces. Some spring sports will be re-located while the work is done, but it should be completed by fall.)

SIC REPORT: Molly Welch

New Class: Toni Simmons, Business teacher, presented a new course offering: Computer Tech II. It would be a semester class to replace Advanced Word Processing and would include word processing, power point, access, and excel. Already approved by SIC, it was approved by SCC.

IB: SIC suggested that community meetings still be held to explain the new IB program. It was decided to schedule them at the Dec meeting and hold them the first of the year, 2009.

End of Year: The last days of school will be Day of Service and Yearbook Day. Until then, SIC encourages students, parents, and faculty to keep an academic focus and stay involved in school and learning.

STUDENT UPDATE: Kiersten Cole

Next week's musical is Nov 20, 22, 24. The cast involves 50 elementary students from the community and 200 Highland students. This week and next week is the Can Drive for the Food Bank. Sadie Hawkins dance is Saturday. SBO's are listening to presentations from different charities to decide on one for Feb. Charity Drive.

Students delivered books made during last year's Day of Service to elementary classes—the books were much appreciated. Patricia Lawrence asked for ideas for this year's Day of Service. Is there a way to involve Hillside?

PTSA REPORT: Rachelle Doane

The Reflections contest is this month. Judges will be U of U students. PTSA is looking for volunteers to help with ELL tutoring. It was suggested they might contact different area churches for volunteers.

Highland will be hosting the PTSA Secondary Council on Jan 13. It will be an opportunity to showcase Highland.

OTHER: Kristi Swett reported that District enrollment is up 400 students. Highland's enrollment is 1522; 1100 are resident students. Highland has the highest rate of bussed in students in the District.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Hammond