

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes, Sept 8, 2010

Present: Pam Croft, Monica French, Tyler Glauser, Aaron Hall, Suzanne Hammond, Suzanne Hawker, Chris Jenson, Karla Keller, Unise Langi, Chris Nielson, Jim Olson, Paul Schulte, Tim Smith, Jill VanLeeuwen.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

FUNDRAISERS: **Volleyball**— cookie dough, poster, concessions through Uof U.

Vocal classes—Happenings books

Football (booster club)—percentage from one day of sales at Chipotle Restaurant

Baseball—3 nights of concessions at Jazz games

All approved. Paul asked that selling of gift cards, books, etc be discontinued in the future because of problems with selling door-to-door and that organizations look at other options.

TRIPS: Vocal choir—Los Angeles and Disneyland April 14-17 for performances and clinics. Miss 1 ½-2 days of school. 50-60 students. \$700/student. Fundraisers provided and they pay partial payments throughout the year.

Approved. Paul suggested that even with fundraisers some students would not be able to afford the trip and we need to be sensitive to their needs.

SCC: Chris Nielson

Elections for SCC chair and secretary will be postponed as administration and Chris Nielson look for new SCC recruits. Any suggestions for community members to serve on SCC please email Chris Nielson at chris@cdnielson.com. Need new members from all zip codes. Administration will also issue personal invitations to join.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte/Chris Jenson

Enrollment: Enrollment is 1554 plus 200 SPA students. This is 20 more than the anticipated enrollment projections.

Modified Block Schedule has been implemented. A committee composed of administrators, teachers, students, and SCC (parents and community) will assess how the schedule is working during the year. If you would like to be on this committee, contact Paul Schulte or Monica French.

Budget: Paul shared the School Improvement (discretionary) budget for the school year for our information.

AYP: Highland did not make AYP in math. Math scores are not representative of Highland students. Next year, AYP will use banked scores from students taking CRT in 8th grade and Highland scores will increase.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) will focus this year on literacy and numeracy, study skills, and job readiness.

Flags on 30 light posts along 2100 S are being considered. The cost would be about \$1200. They would promote community spirit and publicity during homecoming, etc.

Calendars for 2012-13 school year and 3 years were voted on. Highland faculty and staff voted for option 2 which would provide more time for AP and CRT instruction. SCC also voted for option 2.

STUDENT UPDATE: Tyler Glauser

Senate and freshmen elections have just been held. HAM and HAW tryouts will follow. The homecoming game is against Bountiful. SBO's and administration are working with Hecklers to increase school spirit. SBO's are encouraging students to meet at Highland and carpool to away games. Rachel's Challenge will not be held this year. It will be held once every 4 years so each student will be able to experience it once. The 2nd year presentation was felt to be too commercial and not as good as the 1st year presentation.

PTSA: Jill VanLeeuwen

PTSA is holding the ACT Prep classes again this year. They will provide dinner for parent-teacher conferences. The newsletter will be online only. There will be hard copies in the office and you can call PTA to have it mailed to you. Membership is down, but donations are up (donations stay at Highland).

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION: Tim Smith

The foundation meets the 1st Wed of the month at 6:45 AM. They are hoping to increase funding by:

Educating people about the foundation through social networking

Hanging banners on the fence by the soccer field

Targeting specific needs for fundraising

Creating an alumni data base

OTHER:

The new drama teacher is Mrs. Atkinson. She is implementing higher standards for practices for the musical (Footloose) and hoping to increase the quality of performances. It may be hard for students involved in multiple activities to attend all practices.

Next meeting: October 13, 6:30 AM

All meetings held 2nd Wednesday of each month, Room C110

Meeting adjourned 7:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Hammond