Highland High School Community Council Minutes  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
4pm

**SCC Items of Business**
- Welcome, Introductions


Representative Joel Briscoe Utah House of Representatives, District 25
- Upcoming Legislative session and Amendment G discussion. Krist Swett said the school board is not in favor of this amendment.

Kim Parkinson - new assistant principal
- Shared the school PBIS plan (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)
- Cards for students acting in the Highland way, trade in cards for rewards, when students are back in the classroom.
- HB58 by law has to be addressed. What are we doing for drug prevention, mental health, suicide prevention? She is working with SBOs to get monthly topics going.

Christina Leavitt
- Yearbooks-photos, senior quotes - we will be doing school photos and a yearbook. In November when we do book pickup we will also do school photos.
- Yearbook class has low enrollment and trying to recruit juniors and seniors. Yearbook teacher is feeling stressed about making it happen with limited students.

AP test clarification- registration, payment and codes
- Please add AP test information to the weekly bulletin emails so parents have information in time for registration.

Clubs and Zoom
- We need socialization between the kids. Can we do a club rush via zoom?
• Deadline has passed for new school clubs but existing clubs can participate in the club rush.

Jodi Norris
• LGBTQ study opportunity thru Kody Colvin (vice principal at Escalante elementary school.) He is conducting a research study that focuses on educators supporting LGBTQ students in the classroom. Open to anyone that works in schools with kids, interested in going in depth with information about how to support LGBTQ students.

  The learning opportunity was approved for re-licensure credit (15 credits) or USBE credit (1 credit). Additionally, based on donations from friends and family, each participant will be able to select a few LGBTQ text to add to their collection.

  The four learning modules will occur on a Saturday from 9 AM - noon. The dates are:
  • November 14
  • December 5
  • January 16
  • February 6

  Please have interested participants complete this interest survey: https://forms.gle/QCt6ZPXriLr7HQry7

• 2019 yearbook follow up - mailing stickers out to cover the offensive quote in the yearbook. Should be going out this week.

Marilee Coles-Ritchie
• Workshop with Bonnie Owens from Utah Safe Schools discussion. Bonnie works with teachers to address discrimination in the classroom and creating a safe classroom environment. Suggesting that we have Bonnie do a workshop for our teachers. Marilee will share information with Jeremy.

Denise Hevner - SIC update
• Discussion about grades. Concern about kids losing full ½ credit because they had a hard time getting engaged initially due to technical issues. Waiting on administration to make a decision about this.

Mia Naddeo - Counseling update
• As counselors they are working with Freshman success team to get kids engaged
• Home “porch” visits with those kids that we are having a hard time engaging with.
• Making sure that kids are set up properly for their B day classes that will start in November.
• College application week/month was run through a Canvas course. 87% of seniors accessed that course.
• Free ACT is tentatively scheduled for February 6
• Free ACT prep class is starting in November. A second one in January. Course is through Zoom. Space currently still available. The city library offers an ACT prep course and also provides a free study book for students.
• Freshman college and career meetings will take place in November and end with creating a 4 year plan.
• Social emotional support - we have a full time therapist. ⅓ of her caseload is full currently. Prevention group through Volunteers of America offered but not enough students signed up. Weekly mindfulness offered on Ram page.

Kristi Swett - Board update
• Met with Dr. Hersh, the epidemiologist, discussing what research is saying about kids going back to school at younger grades. Research is saying that younger kids can get the virus but less likely to spread it. Recommendation will be coming to the board to go to hybrid model for K-3 in November then hopefully get 4-6th to hybrid model in December. 4pm next Tuesday school board meeting. Only agenda item is going to hybrid mode for K-3.
• Discussion on spanish immersion and how that works with the hybrid model.
• No discussion so far about going back full time. First step is hybrid and doing hybrid model in phases.
• When will we go hybrid? Midterm? End of term? High school will be done by term but elementary school has more flexibility.
• More information will be available after the school board meeting on Tuesday.
• Apologized for the embarrassment that the board caused our district.

Jeremy Chatteron - Principal update
• Student engagement - School staff are trying to engage with students who are not engaging right now. Giving staff lists of 30+ kids to follow up with weekly. There is a surplus of laptops, hotspots, and free internet through comcast. We are actively trying to find these kids and get them engaged. Largest group is Sophomores, second largest is Freshmen. 200 kids that have missed what would equate to 10 days of school so far. Current enrollment is 1861 students on Oct 1st. 1832 last year. Up 180 students from 2 years ago.
• Working on getting small groups into the school.
• On-going conversations about getting kids to turn on cameras in class.
• Concerned about making changes and losing consistency that we have had so far.
• Accreditation got pushed back from last year and just happened last week. It went well.

Rachel Jones - PTA update
• Highland market fundraiser to come. Watch for details.
• Buy HHS gear online and it will be mailed to your home.
• Still trying to plan Last Blast, just in case we can still have it.

Next meeting, via Zoom
• November meeting falls on school break, December meeting falls on school break.
  Next meeting is January 27, 2021 4pm