West High School Community Council Minutes (draft)
February 8, 2021 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Zoom meeting
https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/96614020381

I. Welcome and Introductions
   In Attendance: Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Sela Botchway, Shane Brogan, Ami Burton, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Valerie Gates, Robert Guido (standing in for Jared Wright), Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Joshua Pelton (co-chair), Nidia Pollock, Bernard Price, Holly Reynolds, Emily Stromness, Jessica Esparza, Student and Ad Hoc members: Katherine Kennedy (SLCSB)
   Guests: Lisa Speight, Jonathan Fink, Denny Aldridge, Kelly Boren, Kathleen Wilson, Josie Wankier

II. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of Minutes – Approved.
   B. Fundraisers and Trips: Basketball fundraiser. Approved

   III. Information Items
   A. Title I Schools: Katherine Kennedy can point to resources for more information. Will revisit at a later time.

IV. Discussion Items
   A. Return Plan
      1. Updates to The West Way (Robert Guido): West required COVID-19 testing for students returning in person, and tested more than 700 students on Saturday, with zero positive results. Monday morning, tested another 150 students on the spot. There have been a few technical hiccups, but overall, students and teachers are excited to be back in school, and safety protocols are being followed. In most classes, more students were on Zoom than in person. Some students showed up who haven’t shown up in Zoom before. Teachers reported challenges with conducting in-person and remote
classes simultaneously but are confident they will improve juggling both at the same time.

2. **Survey Results:** 570 selected in-person, but many more showed up in person on the first day; expect 1,000-1,200 in-person.

3. **Observations from School Visits:** Parents who toured schools that have already been offering in-person instruction had questions about HR policies and resources. Teachers at West are expected to be in the classroom, but the administration has worked with district HR to make accommodations in special circumstances. Much of the faculty staff have had one dose of vaccine; this Thursday, many will get their second dose.

B. **ADL Needs Assessment Results:** (Robert) Surveys have gone out; data is not yet available.

C. **New Course approval:** SIC has approved the following new courses:

   - American Identities (intro to ethnic studies)
   - Government in Action
   - IB Language and Literature, a two-year course for juniors and seniors, with a curriculum committed to teaching only authors of color.
   - Math Decision Making, a new option for personal finance.
   - *Algorithms and Data Structure* (previously approved by SCC)

Motion to approve; unanimously approved.

D. **Overnight and Extended Trips:** Questions about board policy regarding international trips. SCC will review the list next month.

E. **Data Review**

   1. **RI Data (Robert):** Presentation on Reading Inventory (RI) data. Not as much data as usual, but it shows a problem with literacy at West. We need to consider using more Land Trust funds to boost literacy. Literacy should be the cornerstone of Land Trust goals. Spring testing upcoming.

   2. Other

F. **TSSP discussion**

   1. **AVID/College Access Team (Kelly Boren and Denny Aldridge):** With Land Trust funding support, the Advancement Via Individual
Determination (AVID) program added two sections and recruited students up to the capacity of 226.

**Highlights:**
- Launched peer tutoring program.
- Developed a waiting list for AVID 9/10 classes.
- Increased the number of AVID students taking the PSAT.

**Goals:**
- Reinstate Peer Tutoring.
- Increase the number of AVID students taking advanced courses.
- Continue with ACT preparation.
- Improve ACT college readiness scores and AP/IB exam passing.
- Support students in credit recovery.
- Partner to improve college access school-wide. Outreach includes collaboration with GEARUP, UHEAA, UCAC, AVID, IB/AP; regular updates to faculty and classroom presentations, Canvas resources in English and Spanish. More seniors completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) this year than in the past two years.
- Future Plans: Expand programming to all grades.

2. **Credit Recovery (Dr. Thomas):** Postponed to March.

A. **Reports**
B. **Late Start (Katherine):** The committee is presenting two options: School day 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. w/optimal A period before school; and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Awaiting district board feedback.
C. **Community Outreach:** Report on school visits.
D. **IB/ELP:** Kelly reports the first-round of acceptance letters have been sent for the IB program.
E. **PTA (Suzanne):** Going to have a dinner night on March 18 at Mod Pizza. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to PTA to support teachers and students and grad activities. Just mention West when making your order—now working on getting the word out.
F. **School Board (Katherine Kennedy):** Does not support adding a zero period to a late-start schedule. Seeking to get non-badged employees vaccinated.

G. **Equity and Access (Josie):** ACT prep classes continue. The counseling team is working with Bryant and Northwest middle schools to register incoming students for classes. The new credit recovery program is underway.

H. **SIC:** New courses and other business already covered.

I. **Principal (Guido):** Happy moment for students returning while stressing the commitment to make sure we don’t leave remote students behind.

1. **Opportunity for the Community to ask questions and bring forth concerns:** Discussion about HR procedures and substitute teachers.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.