



Highland High School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 6:30 a.m.

SCC Items of Business:

- Welcome / Introductions / Attendance
- In attendance: Denise Hevner, Cindy Remke, Chris Jensen, Deirdre Straight, Emily Sutherland, Edie Morgan, Rachel Jones, Christina Leavitt, Jenny Kearn, Melissa Hollingshavs, Jenny Sonnetag, Mia Naddeus, Landon Clark, Tony Coda, Sonal Kerr, Bruce Simpson, Kristi Swett, Grace Floyd, Jodi Norris

SIC Report: Denise Hevner

SIC distributes extracurricular funded days. Miscellaneous 10 days funded that SIC decides how that money is distributed. Recommend: 2 days intramurals, 1 day art layout, 6 student government, 1 day activity director (NHS).

They have put together a subcommittee for the citizenship rubric. Elections are happening now for SBOs. Ideally have SBO president on the subcommittee. Hope to roll out rubric next Fall to help students understand the Highland Way.

Guest(s): Emily Sutherland, SLCSO Director of SEL & MTSS

Presentation on social emotional learning and what we are doing in the district right now. Nov 2018 district created a district wide social and emotional learning framework. SEL is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, and feel and show empathy as they build relationships with others. Science links SEL to student gains and adults benefits too. Look at CASEL.org website for competencies. CASEL is gold standard of SEL in the nation right now.

District is formalizing the process for SEL including researching SEL standards and indicators, looking at what is happening around the country, developing a comprehensive framework and drafting short and long term goals with measurable outcomes, analyzing SEL curriculum and resource opportunities, piloting a program called School Connect at Horizonte.

Professional development has been done throughout this school year. Finished the first framework for SEL, focused on implementing welcoming routines in the schools, creating a new Safe Schools hearing process, developing a multi tiered system of support team. Go to #SELinSLCSO in twitter to see examples of what we are seeing in our schools with SEL.

SCC Items of Business (cont.):

- Approve February minutes

- Motion to approve Edie. Rachel seconded. Approved.
- Approve consent agenda
 - Lacrosse fundraiser – Chick fila night.
- Highland Foundation report (Landon)
 - Golf tournament, May 30th, to cover non-compliant school fees.
 - Gala next year to raise money for the Arts Council.
 - Hoping to raise \$78,000 based on academic numbers.
- Late Start Task Force report (Deirdre)
 - SCC chairs are on that task force along with other members of the school district. Late start for high schools is coming between 8:30-8:45am. Implemented no later than August 2021. Trying to understand transportation issues aside from late start issues as well as family issues so we can roll this out smoothly. Will meet with teachers and students to discuss. Task force is a good mix of shared governance. Minimum hours required is 990-1000 hours per year of instructional time.
- Discuss Mental Health Subcommittee proposal to advocate for social worker at every high school. Motioned to authorize permission to advocate for this. Christina motioned to approve. Rachel seconded. Discussion on what are our priorities with our funding. Currently looking at a raise in para pay (would go up to \$16), sub pay, and non-contract workers, (currently \$9 proposal is \$14) such as janitors and sweepers. Decided to hold off sending a letter until we talk to SIC and see what their priorities are.
- Committee of families of special education are meeting to help better integrate students with special needs organically in the classroom and extracurricular activities. Looking at small and large ways we can change the culture within HHS to make the community more united and integrated.

Administration:

- Accreditation visit is in April.
 - Reviewed: HHS mission statement “HHS provides exceptional instruction to all students to ensure they learn and become successful adults.” Vision statement “RAM FAM is the Highland Way” and belief statements that explain the RAM FAM/Highland Way. Chris motioned to approve. Rachel seconded.
- Staffing
 - Staffing went really well, keeping class sizes down.
- LAND Trust Plan
 - \$190K will go into the schedule to decrease class sizes (16 sessions) plus funding Freshman success is how we are spending trust land funds.
- Student Success Plan (formerly Equity and Excellence Plan)
 - Discussed goals for this next year. Great trends data wise. Not hitting the 11th grade readiness goal yet but working on that. Strong graduation rates.
- School fee schedule & school fee approval process
 - According to the fee laws you cannot add additional fees.
- Chris Jensen is leaving at the end of this year, taking the principal job in Kamas.

District Report: Kristi Swett, SLC School Board

Counseling Dept: Mia Naddeo

PTA Report: Rachel Jones

Need snack food for Highland pantry. We had a battle of the band go on to the competition. We will know how they did soon.

Student Report: Nick Handy

Other:

Next meeting: April 14, 2020 @ 6:30 am