



## Highland High School Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

### SCC Items of Business:

- Welcome / Introductions / Attendance
  - In attendance: Deirdre Straight, Cara Johnson, Rachel Jones, Christina Leavitt, Jodi Norris, Kristi Swett, Tony Coda, Jenny Kearn, Mia Naddeo, Jon Jensen, Cindy Remke, Sonal Kerr, Edie Morgan, Marina Coomes, Bruce Simpson, Landon, Wesla Smith, Wendy Curtis, Holly Moss Roser

**SIC Report:** Denise Hevner – not in attendance

### SCC Items of Business (cont.):

- Approved January minutes
  - Edie motioned to approve. Bruce seconded.
- Approved consent agenda
  - Approved fundraisers and trips
    - Dylan Skiby – Prostart fundraiser (\$300-\$700 catering experience)
    - Baseball team - (\$1000) fundraiser at Habit Grill
    - Cheer - selling Valentines during lunch fundraiser
    - Astronomy overnight trip to Southern Utah \$124.25
- Follow up on substitute teachers
  - Fewer uncovered subs. New policy about having teachers cover absences has been working great.
- Follow up on accessibility of feminine hygiene products
  - Still in process for putting infrastructure in place. We have chosen machines and have submitted that building and ground people. Deirdre will email to encourage this process moving faster.

**Guest(s):** N/A

### Administration:

- School data
  - We have received a commendable on achievement.
  - We are at state average for ELL growth. Because of the things we have done with PD to address ELL services Chris predicted we will be out of TSI status next year.
  - Growth data Highland is higher than district average but right at the state average.

- We are right at state average for ACT scores (based on junior free test)
  - We have a junior student success support person in place to encourage the juniors take that test more serious.
- ACT trends are increasing nicely.
- Chris went over SAGE/ASPIRE plus trend data. Very positive trends.
  - Chris will check to see if parents have access to ASPIRE scores.
- Staffing
  - Chris discussed enrollment being up.
  - Staffing discussion and Chris is making sure that HHS is ready to hire as soon as we can to get the best potential new teachers.
  - It is the school boards responsibility to close enrollment.
- LAND Trust Plan
  - Chris proposes using the money to maintain freshman success program and put the rest of the money into the schedule. Christina motioned to approve. Rachel seconded.
- Student Success Plan (formerly Equity and Excellence Plan)
  - Will keep this the same for next year.
  - Freshmen attendance is terrible this year. No more truancy citations based on legislation laws.
  - Edie suggested a peer to peer group be used to encourage attendance of their peers.
- School fee schedule & school fee approval process
  - Went over the current class fees. No request for higher fees from faculty. The class fees will stay the same for next year.

**District Report:** Kristi Swett, SLC School Board

- School start times report
  - Mixed feelings from parents and community. About 1/3 yes to late start, 1/3 no to late start, and 1/3 of people with concerns. Most students not in favor of late start.
  - Will have a listening tour with teachers and students.
  - Will put a task force together with shared governance committee.
  - Demographics of our district not represented at the listening tours.
    - Very vocal West IB parents at all the meetings without much consideration to the issues facing the rest of the district students and staff.
  - Late start isn't just about spending more money on transportation.
  - SLEA doesn't have a position on late start but would like the process slowed down and shared governance groups included in the decision making process.

**Counseling Dept:** Update on registration (Mia Naddeo)

- Registration is currently happening. Under deadline for staffing.
- No emails have been sent informing parents about registration.
  - Chris will have Audrey send an email/phone home telling parents to look for registration cards
  - Online link for course catalog is hard to find on the website.
  - Waiting on district to update the website. We have been waiting years.
  - Need to look at having the course catalog translated into the top three languages.

- Lots of information on the counseling website, calendar, mental health resources, etc.
- Looking for applicants for scholarship coordinator. Been trying to fill that position all year.

**PTA Report:** Rachel Jones

- PTA day next Tuesday at Capitol. Email Rachel if you have any concerns you want her to bring to the legislators.

**Student Report:** Nick Handy and Wendy

- Had prospective meeting for potential SBOs last night.
- Charity drive for Labs for Liberty, trains dogs for veterans. Deirdre motioned to support this drive. Rachel seconded.

**Other:**

**Next meeting:** March 10, 2020 @ 6:30 am – Guest: Emily Sutherland, SLCSO Director of SEL & MTSS