



Salt Lake Center for Science Education
1400 W. Goodwin Avenue, SLC
School Community Council

Agenda: February 12, 2020, 5:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Christy Sapp, Jill Drown, Gil Rejon, Esperanza Martinez, Niki Hack, Dora Diana, Bonnie Starr, Smaragda Halilovic, Britnie Powell, Amy Jordan, Alma Yanagui, Lynn Lonardo

Meeting Dates and Times

- 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:00-6:00
 - March 11, 2020
 - April 8, 2020
 - May 13, 2020

Approve January Minutes

Motion to approve. **Seconded.**

Overnight Trips 2020-2021

Trips approved.

LAND Trust Plan

Reviewed current LAND Trust plan. The money is currently put into funding part of a teacher contract to teach reading classes for students below proficient. We have met our first semester school wide reading goal of increasing number of students reading proficiently by 5%. We will continue to work on reading proficiency and have received a grant to provide additional support staff and resources through the end of this school year. SCC believes that reading is foundational to all other subjects and that there is value to continuing to fund a reading teacher with LAND trust money. What other priorities are there? The school report card was discussed. SLCSE students outperform the state in many areas. SLCSE's lowest scoring content area is science. There was discussion around why that is- students are not tracked, all students are taking rigorous science classes, reading is foundational to accessing science assessments, all 9th graders take physics which is not typical of other high schools. Currently, SLCSE is part of a grant that provides mental health services for students. If that funding goes away, LAND Trust might be good to put into that in the future. No other suggestions were made for where the money might be better spent.

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Roll Call Vote in favor of utilizing LAND Trust money to fund a reading teacher on the SLCSE Rose Park campus:

Jill Drown- Yes

Lynn Lonardo- Yes

Britnie Powell- Yes

Niki Hack- Yes

Amy Jordan- Yes

Dora Diana- Yes

Smaragda Halilovic- Yes

Bonnie Starr- Yes

Christy Sapp- Yes

University Neighborhood Partners Project Discussion

Alma reviewed the comic that has been created as a tool to educate families about School Community Council. UNP needed IRB approval to do their project with SCCs in the district. There are several other schools participating. They want to take notes at meetings and each member would complete a survey at the end of the meeting.

Open House Report

The Open House went well. It was a busy night. Prospective students were excited by the students they interacted with and by the different experiences they were able to participate in that evening. Prospective parents were able to talk with some of our current parents. Applications are looking great. The window closes 2/21/20.

Spring Assessments

11th Grade ACT

All students in 11th grade will take the ACT for free on Tuesday, March 3 at SLCSE. They will begin the test at 8:30AM.

Teachers have been working to help students prepare for the ACT. Rigorous content instruction and practice reading, writing, solving equations, and interpreting graphs are all a part of regular classes. More explicitly for the test, students were given an explanation of the ACT format as well as test taking tips

and resources in October. Students completed practice questions and/or sections in their Math, Science, Language Arts, and World History classes. A full length practice test was taken over two days in November. Students will take another full length practice test on Thursday, February 13.

There are many ways for students to prepare for the ACT outside of class. The Day-Riverside Library has free ACT Study Sessions every Tuesday from 5-6:30PM. Cameron Grey and Myles Crandall are offering free ACT tutoring in Mr. Crandall's classroom from 4-5:30 for any interested students on Thursday 02/06, 02/20, and 02/27.

The Salt Lake Public Library has online resources for ACT prep, they also have books that can be checked out. Shmoop is another online ACT site that all students in Utah can access for free.

9th and 10th grade students: ACT Aspire

The Utah state standardized test for students in 9th and 10th grade is now ACT Aspire. This program was introduced last year in part because it aligns to the ACT and provides students with early practice. This year, students will take the test on computers over two days in late April or early May. Each student will take two subject tests per day for two days (to cover the four subject areas of Math, Reading, Science, and English over two mornings). Students have 45 minutes for the English test, 60 minutes for Science, 90 minutes for Reading, and 90 minutes for Math. Students will have a break in-between tests and the two 90 minute tests will not be on the same day.

Issues of Interest

- Legislative Updates:
 - HB 16 SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM AMENDMENTS sponsored by Representative Dan Johnson
<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0016.html>
The bill states that a school community council or charter trust land council could make a recommendation to the local school board or charter school board concerning participation of their school in the School Breakfast Program.
 - HB 58 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS sponsored by Representative Susan Pulsipher
<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HB0058.html>
Under the requirements of this bill, the school community council or charter trust land council provides input to the school's principal in developing a positive behaviors plan. The positive behaviors plan is *a plan to address the causes of student use of tobacco, alcohol, electronic cigarette products, and other controlled substances through promoting positive behaviors.*
 - HCR 3 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONSIDERATION OF A LATER START TIME FOR HIGH

SCHOOL sponsored by Representative Suzanne Harrison

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/static/HCR003.html>

This is a resolution. It doesn't enact law but gives direction or states a position of policy makers. The resolution encourages school districts and charter schools, in consultation with their respective high school community councils, to consider the possible benefits and consequences of a later start to the school day for high schools.

- 9th Grade behavior updates

Upcoming Events:

- February 14~ No School
- February 17~ No School, Presidents' Day
- February 21~ Third Quarter Midterm
- March 3~ Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30
- March 5~ Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-6:00
- March 6~ No School