



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

Minutes: January 11, 2023, 6:00 pm in person at SLCSE

Welcome and Introductions

Caryn Willardsen, Jeremy Johnston, Cynthia Stark, Meadow Wilde, Jill Drown, Janet Barnette, Amy Jordan, Jeremy Franklin, Michael Hughes, Britnie Powell, Niki Hack, Suyin Chong, Bryce Williams, Tif Rousculp, Tanya Lelanuja, Anneliese Booher

Meeting Dates from 6:00-7:00 in person, Zoom link will be sent to members who cannot make it but all will prioritize attending in person.

- February 8, 2023
- March 8, 2023
- May 10, 2023

Approve October Minutes

Motion to approve. Seconded. All approved.

SLCSD Board Member Updates

Bryce: November board election resulted in two new board members, Ashley Anderson for Precinct 3 and Bryan Jensen for Precinct 6. Nate Salizar was voted as Board President and Bryce Williams was voted as Vice President.

The board is beginning the search for a permanent superintendent. They will be gathering stakeholder input and feedback and want to ensure a transparent process. The goal is to be able to announce a permanent superintendent in May.

The legislative audit resulted in the recommendation that some elementary schools close for financial reasons. There is a defined procedure to determine closures and it takes approximately 1 year. Announcements would likely be made in January of 2024. Schools would not immediately shut down but would shut down once a school year is complete. K-5 models will be studied. Declining enrollment is attributed to reduced birthrates, students leaving the school district (private schools, other programming), aging population in the capital, rising cost of housing pushes families out. Less students means less funding which means less teacher job contracts.

Fees Schedule- Britnie

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Reviewed fees schedule. SLCSE is reviewing the fee for the Washington DC trip. The board has already approved charging as much as \$1200 for this trip. SLCSE currently charges \$900 but may need to increase that amount.

Link to [SLCSE Fee Schedule Draft 2023-2024](#)

Link to [SLCSD High School Fee Schedule](#)

LAND Trust

LAND Trust has been used to support a ½ contract of a specialized reading teacher to increase the number of students reading proficiently. Last year 18 students were moved to proficiency. This was an increase of 8.1%. SCC has historically prioritized supporting students to gain the skills necessary to be proficient readers as that skill is foundational. No other possible ideas were contributed at this time.

Overnight Trips

[Overnight Trips Draft for 2023-2024](#) was discussed. Parents request that we look at ways to increase parent awareness of opportunities. They are excited that there are so many meaningful opportunities but their students do not always communicate the information. They would love clear information on what opportunities are available, who is eligible to participate, and how their student would get involved.

School Report Card- Britnie

Link to Portal:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/>

Link to SLCSE:

<https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/School/OverAllPerformance?SchoolID=185868&DistrictID=185868&SchoolNbr=300&SchoolLevel=HS&IsSplitSchool=0&schoolyear=2022>

SLCSE students scored Typical for Achievement, Exemplary for Growth, Developing for English Learner Progress, and Typical for Postsecondary Readiness. Overall this results in SLCSE earning a B (Commendable) from USBE. SLCSE is focusing on supports for Multilanguage Learners. It will be a challenge for SLCSE to increase the score on Postsecondary Readiness because we don't have the capacity to support a CTE pathway here on campus. We do partner with other schools and programs to support students in accessing those opportunities on other campuses.

Issues of Interest

- Parents would like the school to consider having the expectation of regular communication from teachers to families. One parent recommended we look at how the 11th grade World Civ teacher communicates because it is effective. (Through Canvas Announcements, parents need to be observers of the class and select settings of what notifications they want).
- Driver's Ed info- please be sure that goes out to parents.
- SCC discussed board member participation at SCC meetings. Within the district, concern has been brought up regarding board member participation in SCC because some SCCs have shared that it prohibits them from doing their jobs effectively due to board member pressure or influence. SLCSE's SCC does not feel this way. SCC feels that it is important for board members to be at meetings to hear about the community and know what's going on in their schools so they can support the good work being done. SCC feels that our board member is focused on the kids and so he comes to the meetings with a good lens. SLCSE's SCC would like our board member to attend meetings as often as his schedule permits.
- There are still Powerschool communication problems going on. Not all parents are getting the emails from the school. They think all parents are getting the texts. They request that the school please not send important info out the day before it is relevant. They need more notice than this. Please also put notices as Instagram posts, not only stories. Parents would rather be overcommunicated to and choose to ignore it than feel that they didn't receive it.

Updates from Admin/Upcoming Events

- December and November were busy months around here. We ran lots of different field trips.
- Hosted kindergarteners from a variety of schools as part of the culmination of the 11th grade project on trees.
- Our student leadership class held a service week in December and lots of different classes from the school were able to participate in those projects.
- Coming up: Open House on Thursday, January 19th at 6:00, here in-person. We've had 8th graders from SLCSE-Bryant visiting the campus, we've attended other 8th grade information nights. If you have other ways to help get the word out, we are a word of mouth school for sure.
- Seniors are writing their research papers that will support their capstone project.
- The school play is next Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan 17th and 18th at 5:30.
- 9th Grade Shuffle- we do a mixing of the 9th graders at the semester. Teachers will be talking with students about this so they are prepared for some changes.

- No School this upcoming Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Students are working on Poetry Out Loud and the classroom competitions this month and the school competition is on February 9th.

To promote ethical behavior and civil discourse each council member shall:

- Attend council meetings on time and prepared
- Make decisions with the needs of students as the main objective
- Listen to and value diverse opinions
- Be sure the opinions of those you represent are included in discussions
- Expect accountability and be prepared to be accountable
- Act with integrity

Land Trust Goal~ Literacy