

Park City High School Community Council (SCC)

January 18, 2024

Minutes:

In attendance:

1. Roger Arbabi – Administrator
2. Bob Edmiston - Administrator
3. Zachariah Maynard – Parent (Chair)
4. Caren McClelland - Parent
5. Jenny Pelt - parent
6. Jaelee Watanabe – Parent (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 2:44 pm.

We agreed to delay approval of the December Minutes until they can be circulated for review.

Roger and Bob gave an update on the status of the ELECTRONIC HALL PASS PROGRAM:

- Web-based program on students' computers
- Pass (to leave class) *approved or denied*; teachers do not have to do *anything* and don't have discretion over approval
- Added security feature of certainty of where students are at any given moment
- Initially, teachers felt the program was too much "Big Brother," but following a presentation by Murray High School (which is using the program with great success) they are now on board as EVERYONE (all teachers) will be implementing and using the program
- Will be implemented in the last quarter of 2023/24 school year
- Only going to use the "PASS" part of the program
- Will cost \$2/student for a total of approximately \$3,000-\$4,000; Roger and Bob would like to use Land Trust Funds, of which there is currently \$10,000 available

Jaelee made a Motion to utilize up to \$4,000 of Land Trust funds to pay for the Electronic Hall Pass Program, **Roger** seconded the Motion, and the Motion was approved by all present.

Roger and Bob gave an update on the EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOOLS data released in November 2023 – this is a comprehensive evaluation of high-rigor classes across the student body:

- 17% of the student body is Latino and 16% are low-income as identified by Free/Reduced Lunch (possibly higher as some families don't complete the necessary documents despite qualifying for the program)
- 43% of teachers have been at our school for 10+ years – an indicator of stability within the school
- 66% of students are taking an AP class this year and 84% will take an AP class at some point during their three years
- Overall, the rigor of the school is impressive

Roger reported that it's his goal to REDUCE BARRIERS to students taking AP classes:

- Adult encouragement to take these classes
- Making ALL students feel WELCOME in these classes

Bob announced that **Roger** has been named UTAH PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, as well as being awarded the Park City Police CHIEF'S CHOICE AWARD for improving relations between the Park City Police and Park City High School.

Other topics of discussion:

- Park City School District signed a 3-year/27% pay increase with all faculty and staff, but declining enrollment in PCSD is making it extremely difficult to balance the budget
- Dream Big costs approximately \$125,000/year; the District has indicated that they would like to fund at least *part of* the DB budget
 - Biggest component of the 6-week Summer Program is VOCABULARY which prepares students for AP classes
 - This pre-teaching is a model that works
- The Park City School District Board has kept the District CLOSED to this point; there are two new housing developments in the area on the horizon and District waiting until after the completion to consider OPENING the District

Roger shared an idea for utilizing unused funds if the District partially funds DB. He would like to create four (4) new language-intensive classes: Biology, US History, English 10, and SM II. Each class would have a second teacher who is a Spanish-speaker. He would need funding for these extra teachers.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 15th at 2:30pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.