

Alta High School  
School Community Council  
March 19, 2015

Those in Attendance:

Cheryl Awerkamp	Helen Brown	Deena Denning
Renee Grow	Katy Jones	Karin Hunter
Mary Lauer	Brian McGill	Kelli Miller
Karl Packer	Cindy Palmer	Jennifer Scheffner

SBO's Attending:

Rachel Nash                      Sidney Woodbury

Renee welcomed the council and asked for a motion on the February minutes, Deena Denning moved to approve the minutes and Karin Hunter seconded the motion.

### **SBO Update**

Rachel and Sidney reported for Student Government. This week is "Junior Week" which will end with the Junior Prom at the Salt Lake Library. The cost of the Prom is \$45 for pre-sold tickets and \$55 at the door.

Next week Student Government is hosting a Diversity Assembly on Thursday. The Diversity Assembly will include the Latino's In Action, Polynesian Dancing, Gay Straight Alliance, and Special Needs students. The theme of the Assembly is "Accept everyone for who they are."

Student Government elections have begun and will conclude on April 16 at Inauguration 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

### **Counselor's Corner**

Jennifer Scheffner reported for the Counseling Center. This has been a difficult week, because of the loss of one of our students the emphasis this week has been on health and wellness. Because of this tragedy, Mr. McGill updated the faculty during faculty meeting, and visited classes to talk to students. The District Crisis Team has been available to students during the week. Funeral services will be Friday, our Men's Choir will be singing at the service. Mr. McGill has been trying to develop a "Hope Squad" for students at Alta. These students and teachers would be nominated by other students and would wear an insignia. The Hope Squad would be academically based, and would not counsel students but direct them to the counselors. The main emphasis would be on educating students and providing a safe, positive atmosphere at school. Deena inquired about notifying parents when a crisis occurs, and Mr. McGill explained that it is a matter of privacy and would be only if the family agreed.

## **Principals Report**

Mary Lauer has been working on the “Master Schedule” so that students will be able to register for classes in April. We will be able to maintain the classes that students have selected for next year because the district has helped with some FTE funding. Mr. McGill explained the “Link Crew”, this group will be trained to mentor and guide students. The Link Crew will consist of 4 faculty members and use upperclassmen and underclassmen to mentor students – Seniors with Sophomores and Freshmen with Juniors. The middle school teachers will also be trained.

Teacher of the Year nominations have been sent to the district and will be announced on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There were a few administrative changes that will take place starting the 2015-2016 school year, Justin Matagi will be moved to Hillcrest High School as an Assistant Principal and Kelsey Kemp will move from Hillcrest to Alta as an Assistant Principal. Rachel Hill, our intern Assistant Principal, will be replaced next year.

## **Land Trust Report**

Kelli Miller reviewed the Land Trust Plan and CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan). The CSIP is divided into four areas and these goals support the Land Trust Expenditures:

- Literacy

Performance Goal – Increase the percentage of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders scoring at or above grade level on the SRI by 5% from September 2015 to May 2016. Increase the percentage of students meeting proficiency on the SAGE Writing and ELA tests by 5%.

**Land Trust Expenditures:**

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| 1. Data Analyst & PD Coordinator           | \$40,947.60 |
| 2. FTE for co-taught classes (4 sections)  | \$14,992.70 |
| 3. Host Social Studies Colloquium Speakers | \$ 7,000.00 |

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Performance Goal – Increase the percentage of students meeting the ACT Mathematics and Science benchmarks by 5%. Increase the percentage of students meeting proficiency on the SAGE Mathematics tests by 5%.

**Land Trust Expenditures:**

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| 1. Engineering Program                      | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 2. Accu-Placer Math Testing                 | \$ 5,400.00 |
| 3. FTE co-taught classes (3math, 1 science) | \$14,992.70 |

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive for Students)  
Performance Goal- Distribute at Least 5,000 PBIS cards to students.  
10% of the Class of 2016 will earn the engagement award (Hawk Medallion).

**Land Trust Expenditures:**

1. Promotional Posters/Reward System      \$ 5,000.00

- College and Career Readiness Supports  
Performance Goal – Increase the percentage of students receiving no failing grades each quarter to 80% during the 2015-2016 school year.  
Increase the percentage of students earning honors and advanced diplomas and the Regent’s scholarship by 5%.

**Land Trust Expenditures:**

1. Professional Development for teachers of advanced and intervention courses.      \$10,000.00

Katy Jones moved to approve the Land Trust Plan and Renee Grow seconded the motion, the council voted 6 members in favor and 1 member abstained. It was decided that the Land Trust Plan would be emailed to all council members for a complete vote.

Mr. McGill reminded the council of graduation on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the University of Utah Huntsman Center. He has also contracted with the University to hold graduation for the 2016 and 2017 school year at the Huntsman Center. This year we will be sharing the building and cost with Corner Canyon.

Karin Hunter asked about changing spring Parent Teacher Conferences so that it is not in conflict with tryouts for spring sports. This year a lot of teachers were not in attendance during Parent Teacher Conferences. Mr. McGill explained that the calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences are set by the school district well in advance, and the Utah High School Athletic Association sets the calendar for athletics. He also indicated that Floyd Stensrud will be the new Planning and Enrollment Director at the district, Floyd was the Indian Hills Middle School Principal.

Jennifer Scheffner moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm and Karin Hunter seconded the motion. The next meeting will be moved from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>.