

Alta SCC September 2015 Minutes

September 17, 2015

Those in attendance:

Council Members:

Shannon Alvey

Deena Denning

Karin Hunter

Renee Grow

Jim Jensen

Tiffany Keim

Ann Murdock

Karl Packer

Albert Spencer-Wise

Matt Stanford

Jennifer Scheffner

Others:

Terra Bingham

Zach Bunkall - SBO

Brennen Hunt - SBO

Mary Lauer

Kelli Miller

Cindy Palmer

Renee welcomed the committee and invited the council to introduce themselves.

Principal McGill introduced the Student Body Officers and asked them to give an update.

Zach Bunkall and Brennen Hunt reported for student government.

The Hello Week was a big success with the Hello Assembly, and a good turn out at the Dance. Next week starting September 21 will be Homecoming week, the theme is "Next to Me."

Monday will be the Homecoming Assembly and Monday night will be the Homecoming Pageant. Student body officers will be decorating the school over the weekend and participating in a "Make A Wish" race.

Mr. McGill explained that due to the rainstorm last week the auditorium floor, dressing rooms, and some classrooms had water damage. Depending on the conditions of the auditorium, the pageant may be moved to Eastmont Middle School Auditorium.

Principal McGill reviewed the School Community Council responsibilities

- CSIP – Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
 1. Literacy
 2. STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
 3. PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions Support
 4. CCR – college and Career Readiness
- Land Trust – state allocated monies to support CSIP and school initiatives
- Professional Development for faculty and staff
- School Community items

He explained the social and emotional supports that are new to Alta:

- **LinkCrew** – An Alta program led by 5 faculty and 170 juniors/seniors that mentor and build positive connections with underclassmen.
- **Lifelines** – District program that Alta teachers and counselors have been trained in this past summer.
- **HopeSquad** – A suicide prevention program led by Ms. Starley and our counseling team. Students are elected by their peers, they are trained to watch for warning signs and then report to adults.

Brennen comment that at the Student Government Leadership Conference the Council asked what they thought was the school's biggest problem and 8 out of 14 selected suicide.

Mr. McGill reviewed student enrollment, Alta is currently at 1805 students. This is an increase of around 138 students from last year. Our allocated FTE was 62.75, so additional funds were used to cover this years teachers. With an enrollment over 1800 the district may give us another part time counselor.

The Alta Mission statement for this year is:

"We are an inclusive learning community with a tradition of inspiring, supporting, and collaborating with students as they prepare to be engaged citizens in their pursuit of continuous success.

The 2014-2015 AP Test results indicated that 26 percent of Alta students participated in AP Classes during 2014-2015, this year Alta has 39 percent participating in AP classes.

The University of Utah Partnership grant proposal was submitted September 9th, if funded the program will begin the summer of 2017. Students will be able to earn 30 semester credit hours and a general education certificate. We will start with about 35 students. Alta will be the only high school in Utah with this partnership.

IPLC's (Instructional Professional Learning Communities) are formed for each academic core course. Teachers have professional development every 2nd and 4th Tuesday's during late start. Teachers are reading "Why Students Don't Like School" and will be discussing this on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. To help teachers become more connected with students.

Mr. McGill reviewed SLO (Student Learning Objectives) and CTESS (Canyons Teacher Effectiveness Support System)

Kelli Miller and Terra Bingham reviewed what is included in the PACE and School grading reports, which is based on academic achievement and graduation rate (college readiness). The report compares all high schools, grades 10th, 11th, and 12th. They also reviewed the School Federal Accountability Report, Alta received a "B" grade.

October 23rd Alta will be playing Corner Canyon in football, Mr. McGill and Mary Bailey discussed having a food bank drive. This would help have a healthy rivalry, the game will be at Alta.

Football team had a Luau to kick off their football season and had about 1000 people, a lot of great parent and student participation.

Mr. McGill reviewed the Land Trust budget, the district has increased our money by \$37,000 due to new money. This money could go toward:

- reducing class size in English and Math by giving teachers a 7th Period
- Provide additional Math support
 1. Pay for Math Tutoring
 2. Math Labs
 3. After school help for students – Paying teachers and students for tutoring

Renee moved to use \$20,000 of the LandTrust new money to reduce class size and \$17,000 for Math support. Karl Packer seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously.

The original Land Trust budget was distributed among our Data Specialist, co-taught classes, Professional Development, PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) and Robotics.

Mr. McGill discussed the creation of a new Alumni/Student Government room. It would be located in room 1802 right off of the cafeteria. The room would be used for administrative functions, community councils, and student government. It would also be a historical room with alumni memorabilia. The district estimated that the cost remodeling this room would be

around \$50,000. Currently the school's cell tower money is about \$165,000. Mr. McGill proposed to use some of the cell money to start on construction in order to have the room completed by next year. It was decided to discuss the matter next month.

Deena Denning explained that the PTSA Blankets should be arriving soon, this is the PTSA fundraiser for this year. The PTSA will be feeding the faculty breakfast tomorrow morning.

Mr. McGill reminded the Council about training, he plans on attending on September 29th 9:30 – 11:00

Next meeting will be October 8, 2015.

Renee moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Albert Spencer Wise.