

School Community Council
April 27, 2016

Those in Attendance;

Terra Bingham	Denna Denning	Renee Grow
Karin Hunter	Jim Jensen	Katie Jones
Mary Lauer	Kelli Miller	Karl Packer
Cindy Palmer	Jennifer Scheffner	Albert Spencer-Wise

Others:

Zach Bunkall	Denise Ferguson	Paul Seevinck
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Renee welcomed the council, Deena Denning moved to approve the minutes Albert Spencer-Wise seconded the motion.

SBO Update

Zach Bunkall reported for the student body officers. This month concluded the student body elections and class officer elections. The new officers for the 2016-2017 school year were announced at Inauguration and are:

Student Body Officers:

President	Chandler Dolphin
Vice President	Jake Barton
Secretary	Rachel Roberts
Historian	Makenna Dowdell
Attorney General	Riley Wooden
Financial Chair	Camden Beers
Public Relations	Thane Zeeh
Chief of Activities	McKinley (Peanut) Reinhold
AVO	Jaxson Heaton

Senior Class Officers:

President	Bowen Hayes
Vice President	Zach Irvine
Secretary	Jett Johnson
Historian	Britton Gossen
Public Relations	Camden Johnsen

Junior Class Officers:

President	McKenzie Gutierrez
Vice President	Ashley Scott
Secretary	Morgan Lyman
Public Relations	Kaylen Cole

Sophomore Class Officers

President	Baylor Johnson
Vice President	Darby Hayes
Secretary	Sam Scheffner
Historian	Cade Alvey
Public Relations	Lexi Buxton

Senators

James Falls	
Sabrina Larson	
Felicia Lee	
Zachary Memmott	
Sabrina Miller	
Andrew Numbers	Recognition
Braque Bunkall	Club Support
TBA	Patriotic Affairs

Head Cheerleaders

Kelsee Clark
Hannah Krauth
Matthew Marumoto

MORP will be this weekend the theme is “Star Wars – Awaken the Hawk”, also this weekend is the Comcast Cares service event. The Senior Dinner Dance will be May 20th and will be held in the Draper Aquarium. Tickets will be \$35 and will include dinner, dance and a tour of the Aquarium.

Student government is also working on the End of the Year Slide Show, which will be shown on June 1st. Mr. McGill thanked the student body officers for the great year and is looking forward to another outstanding year next year.

Counseling Corner

Jennifer Scheffner reported for the Counseling Center. This has been a busy and stressful month. Seniors are preparing for graduation; currently 41% of the senior class is not on track to graduate. Counselors are meeting individually with Senior’s to help them make graduation. Senior Decision day is May 27th

Students are registering on-line for the 2016-2017 school year. The computer will run their schedule and then they will be able to make changes if needed. New counselors for the 2016-2017 school year are Jesse Davis and Terra Bingham.

Tanya Roundy is currently surveying students on "Why they are sluffing or not attending school." Some of the reasons are:

- Don't like the teacher
- Class is too easy
- Class is too hard
- Don't want to go

Mr. McGill explained that this is a really busy time for the counselors, and he appreciates all they do for Alta High School.

Faculty Recognitions

Denise Ferguson was awarded "Alta Teacher of the Year" and is one of 6 semi finalists to go on to the District competition. Denise is actively engaged with a lot of students. Her yearbook has been awarded "Best in State" for 6 years.

Paul Seevinck was awarded the PTSA's "Golden Apple" Teacher of the Year for the State of Utah. Paul is a very innovative teacher with an engaging style of student instruction. He has a great connection with the students in his class.

Carina Coria-Zapata received the BYU Outstanding Secondary Mentor Teacher of the Year. She is a great asset to our Alta Faculty.

3rd Quarter CSIP Progress Analysis

Terra Bingham reviewed the CSIP Goals.

Goal – Literacy

Increase the percentage of 9th and 10th graders scoring at or above grade level on the SRI by 5% from September 2015 to May 2016. (Goal = 84% for 9th Grade, 68% for 10th Grade)

Increase the percentage of students meeting proficiency on the SAGE writing and ELA test by 5%. (Goal + 55%)

Terra reported that the below basic students need another assessment, but the numbers are shrinking. The goal for next year will be looking at each student's progress. Some students are making great gains but are not reaching proficiency.

PBIS –

SOAR stands for:

- Safety
- Organization
- Attendance
- Respect

The distribution of new SOAR cards is intended to help students learn positive behavior. Every week cards are drawn for prizes, every month a big prize is awarded. Students can use SOAR cards in the bookstore for a daily discount. The 9th grade teachers have used more, this is helping 9th graders transition into high school.

College and Career Readiness –

Goal:

Increase the percentage of students receiving no failing grades each quarter to 80% during the 2015-2016.

Increase the percentage of students earning honors and advanced diplomas and the regents scholarship by 5%.

The counselors had helped all the students with their Regent applicants and then sent them in together. They were notified that they did not want it that way so this year the students mailed their own.

AdvancED Accreditation Results

Mr. McGill reviewed the accreditation results.

The Teaching and learning impact:

The external Review Team examined:

- Student performance results
- Instructional quality
- Learner and family engagement
- Support services for student learning
- Curriculum quality and efficacy
- College and career readiness data

Findings – Powerful Practice

- 3.9 The school has a formal structure whereby each student is well known by at least one adult advocate in the school who supports that student's educational experience.

- 5.5 Leadership monitors and communicates comprehensive information about student learning conditions that support student learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders.

Opportunity for Improvement

- 3.5 Teachers participate in collaborative learning communities to improve instruction and student learning.

Improvement Priority

- 5.1 The school establishes and maintains a clearly defined and comprehensive student assessment system.
- 5.3 Professional and support staff are trained in the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.
- 3.10 Grading and reporting are based on clearly defined criteria that represent the attainment of content knowledge and skills and are consistent across grade levels and courses.

Leadership Capacity:

The external Review Tam examined

- Institutional purpose and direction
- Governance and leadership effectiveness
- Stakeholder engagement
- Improvement capacity
- Results

Findings – Power Practice

- 2.5 Leadership engages stakeholders effectively in support of the school’s purpose and direction.

Resource Utilization:

The External Review Tam examined:

- Allocation and use of resources
- Equity of resource distribution to need
- Level and sustainability of resources
- Long range capital and resource planning effectiveness

Conclusion

Index of Education Quality

- Impact of teaching and learning on student performance
- Capacity of leadership to guide and ensure effectiveness in carrying out strategic direction of institution
- Utilization of resources to meet diverse needs of students and institution
- Use as a tool for formative analysis and continuous improvement
- Connection for the conditions, processes, and practices to evidence including student performance

IEQ Results indicate that the school system is performing within acceptable ranges as compared to expected criteria as well as other institutions in the AdvancED network.

The External Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that Alta High School earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED for a five-year term that expires June 30, 2021.

Mr. McGill reviewed the end of school activities:
Graduation will be June 2nd at 10:00 am at the University of Utah in the Huntsman Events Center. The Principals Reception will be May 16th. Students honored at the Principals Reception are those that have a 3.9 GPA or higher, Sterling Scholars, Advanced Diplomas, Honor Diplomas, Resilient Hawk Award Recipient, Athletes, and students receiving the Hawk Medallion.

The retirement open house will be on May 19th. The following teachers will be retiring Jim Miller (Math), Mindi Paskins (Health/PE), Elaine Hardman (Science), Susan Nielsen (Business), LeAnna Squires (Science), Lana Wolverton (English).

Block U Partnership will go before the board on June 14th at 7:30 pm at the district office. AP testing will begin the first week in May and will continue for two weeks.

Mr. McGill thanked the council for their hard work and support for Alta High School. Katie Jones moved to adjourn and Karin Hunter seconded the motion.