

Alta High School
School Community Council
April 24, 2014

Those in Attendance:

Joy Scott Cindy Johnson Katy Jones Fidel Montero Albert Spencer-Wise Jennifer Mathis
Karl Packer Mary Lauer Kelli Miller Jen Scheffner Diane Zundel

Kelli Miller requested snacks (water and granola bar?) for upcoming AP tests as well as AP proctors. 775 AP tests will be given over the two week period. Diane Zundel to check with PTSA.

Meeting called to order by Katy at 3:35pm

Request for approval of minutes from March meeting; Jennifer Scheffner asked to be put on list as excused. Katy agreed. Joy Scott made motion to approve, Karl Packer seconded the motion.

SBO's could not be at meeting. Karl packer reported that Prom was a huge success at the Salt Lake City library, 700 students attended. The SBO's for next year have been elected and the elections for class officers are going on now. Karl hopes to have some of them at our May meeting.

May Meeting will be a lunch at noon on Thursday May 22.

Kelli Miller gave a wrap-up on the Land Trust:

School Goals – Literacy Goal , Funds will supplement FTE for struggling readers and pay for Speakers. Stem Goal, hope to raise the number of students reaching the benchmarks for ACT Science and math scores. Alta did have a 13% increase over last year. Funds will supplement FTE. Drop-out Prevention, reduce failing grades by 5%. Funds to go to professional development. Advisory period is helping. Alta has had a 5% decrease, especially in 9th and 10th graders. The District is very pleased.

Dr. Montero recognized Cindy Johnson and announced her son Alex will be the SBO President next year. He also announced that Cheryl Hughes will be leaving and Wendy Miller has been hired to replace her. Kierstin Draper has been promoted to Principal at Oakdale Elementary and Jana Cris will be returning to Alta to replace her. Dr. Montero said he was very pleased with ACT Scores. Kelli Miller pointed out that an entire quarter of Advisory is dedicated to ACT Prep. Alta is currently getting a quote on the cost of updating/replacing the audio system in the gym and football stadium. Hopefully there will be enough funds in the cell phone tower fund to pay for the audio system and to pay to replace the risers in the auditorium. Risers cost from \$15K-\$17K. Dr. Montero also reported that the old auto shop has been completely gutted. A new art studio will be built and then a new athletic facility. Hopefully, some private donors will help pay to have both the Band and Choir rooms remodeled. Lastly, Asia Kaiser was announced as the new Cheerleading Advisor. She has a solid cheerleading background at the University of Hawaii and in London. She is also a member of the Alta Community.

Jen Scheffner Reported that 9th and 10th grad registration is going on. The Counseling Department is also under review right now, at bit stressful with trying to get year-end stuff going, but a great

opportunity for the department to set new goals. May 19th is the last day for any registration issues for next year.

Albert Spencer-Wise did a presentation about teachers getting their national Certification. The national Board has now made it less expensive (\$1900.) as well as giving teacher up to 3 years to complete the process. Albert just got his certification and would like to sponsor four more teachers for next year. As of next year, teachers in Utah will be evaluated by national standards. The State of Utah does recognize the certification. Albert was moved from a Level 2 to a level 3 teacher with his certification. A teacher must have been teaching in a classroom for at least the past three years. We watched a brief video about the National Board teacher Certification. Some Highlights for teachers to consider: Recognition for what teachers do each day, mentoring younger teachers, invaluable resource to the administration, become a better teacher. The certification supersedes the State and lasts for ten years.

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:15pm. Jen Scheffner motioned and Cindy Johnson seconded the motion.