

School Community Council  
09/10/2014

Those in Attendance:

Denise Ferguson	Cindy Johnson	Katy Jones - Chairman
Mary Lauer	Matt Leininger	Brian McGill, Principal
Kelli Miller	Ann Murdock	Rob Murphy
Karl Packer	Cindy Palmer	Jennifer Scheffner
Albert Spencer-Wise	Diane Zundel	Renee Grow
Katy Jones		

Students:

Brennen Brumm  
Einar Johnson

**Welcome**

- Katy Jones welcomed the council and Brian McGill, Principal at Alta High School

**Minutes**

- Diane Zundel moved to approve the minutes of the School Community Council on May 2014, Jennifer Scheffner seconded the motion.

**SBO Updates**

- Brennen Brumm reviewed the opening school activities
  - Hawk flight for 9<sup>th</sup> grades – Mary Lauer thanked the SBO for their support
  - Hello Week
  - Hello Dance
  - Senior Sunrise
- Einar Johnson reviewed upcoming events
  - Homecoming Week – October 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Dance – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Assembly - Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Pagaent – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Pep Ralley, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Football Game, Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>
- Einar Johnson reviewed school fundraiser – thanked the Administration for their support
  - This year – “Make a Wish”
  - Other options
    - Bike Race – 100 miles through Utah
    - Fallen Officers – 5K - @ Corner Canyons School District

## **Nominations and Elections**

- Katy Jones reviewed guidelines for SCC Elections
  - 8 parents slots available
  - Returning parents
    - Cindy Johnson
    - Renee Grow
    - Emily Ayre
  - Katy Jones nominated the following parents
    - Karen Hunter
    - Ann Murdock
    - Diane Zundel
    - Monica Benities
    - Katy Jones
  - Albert Spencer-Wise moved to accept the nominations, Cindy Johnson seconded the motion
  - Katy Jones nominated Renee Grow to serve as School Community Council Chair, Cindy Johnson seconded the motion
  - The council voted all in favor, the motion passed unanimously

## **Principal McGill**

- Mr. McGill reviewed the Vision and Mission of Alta High School
  - Equity and Balance to all programs
  - Staffing – Enrollment drop to 1740
  - Impact on Soft Funding
    - AP, Concurrent Enrollment, Trust Lands
  - Region Classification – November Classification Realignment
    - 4A – 2015-2016 Likely
  - CCR Advisory (College, Career, and Citizenship)
- Kelli Miller explained the outline for Advisory
  - Quarterly themes – Each grade level has a different focus
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Hawk 101, 201, 301,401
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter each grade level has a different focus
  - Mr. McGill explained that others school may use different models
    - Attitude of teacher/students are the biggest success factor
    - Different Models in other schools
    - Great help for College Readiness
  - Denise Ferguson – Students grades have improved
  - Einar Johnson – First year was hard, students get out of it, what they put in to it
  - Jen Scheffner – Advisory Teachers contact the Counseling Center for help with specific students
  - Mary Lauer – Advisory Teachers communicate with the Administration on student issues as well
- Mr. McGill reviewed Student Achievement Indicators
  - SAGE (Student Assessment for Growth and Excellence)

- ACT – 11<sup>th</sup> grade college readiness assessment
  - AP Test – May
  - TIMSS- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, PLAN-10<sup>th</sup> grade, PSAT- 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Kelli Miller explained data on test scores
    - ACT Benchmark – Alta scores – Students who meet all 4 benchmarks are more successful as college freshman
    - AP testing – 25 percent of Alta students take an AP test in the spring
  - Mr. McGill explained the new teacher evaluation – CTESS
  - Mr. McGill explained school grade given by Legislature based on:
    - Sage testing
    - Number of graduates
    - State School board suggested more options for grading
- Mr. McGill reviewed construction updates – reviewed blue print
- Art Rooms
  - Healthy Life Styles Area
  - Open House at Completion – Public Tours

### **Safety Concerns**

- Diane Zundel addressed concern regarding removal of crosswalk on 11000 South across from the “A”
  - Mr. McGill – referred the council to Ryan Kump, Engineer for Sandy City
  - Regulation – 900 feet between two crosswalks – more causes congestion
  - Council contact Sandy City with concerns

### **English Department Highlight**

- Denise Ferguson reviewed English Department
  - Summer Reading was very successful
  - 2 new English Teachers
  - Common Core is helping college bound students
  - AP & Concurrent Enrollment classes
  - English help students prepare for ACT test

### **Adjourn**

- Albert Spencer- wise moved to adjourn at 4:45 pm, Rob Murphy second the motion
- Next meeting – October 9, 2014 – 3:30 pm in the Media Center