

School Community Council
Monday, September 16, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Brian McGill	Chad Heyborne	Brittany Stephenson
Jim Jensen	Kelli Miller	Melissa Gibbs
Chet Linton	Shannon Kershaw	Callie Bjerregaard
Page Checketts	Katie Christensen	Ron Strohm

Others in Attendance:

Carolyn Cannon (Secretary)
Rochelle Stone (PTSA President)
Joe Schino (Working on Admin licensure hours)
Judy Weeks-Rohner (Visitor)
Amanda Oaks (School Board Member)

Not in Attendance:

Matt Leininger	Tricia Leininger	Garry True
April Richardson	Karl Packer	Cache Merrill (?)

I. Welcome, Review & Approve minutes from April 22 & May 21, 2019 meetings (Heyborne)

- Motion to approve April and May 2019 minutes – Chet Linton
- Second – Melissa Gibbs
- Minutes approved
- Vote to add new member – Page Checketts – Melissa Gibbs (motion); Chet Linton (2nd) – motion approved
- Vote to add new member – Katie Christensen – Melissa Gibbs (motion); Page Checketts (2nd) – motion approved

II. Student Government Update (Packer & SBOs) - Absent

III. PTSA Connection (Stone)

- Meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (maybe in Hawk House)
- Passed budget at the Opening Assembly
- Still seeking Reflections and Battle of the Bands representatives for the PTSA Board
- Fundraising – blankets again (football games, etc)
- Food Pantry (Hawk Stash) – we are receiving lots of donations; trying to find the best way to distribute it (we have immediate snacks and/or items to take home over the weekend); working through counselors right now; Brian will send a letter home to everyone in the community to provide more awareness: (1) update demographics of AHS, (2) soliciting and asking for donations; (3) if kids or families are in need we can help; PTSA currently has it open Thursday mornings and Thursday afternoons; considering ways to have it be discreet (maybe backpacks)

IV. Counseling Corner (Bjerregaard)

- BYU and UofU are pushing up the deadline for their priority applications to Nov 1st; College Application Week will be in October 7-11; because of lack of meeting space this year, they will do this in their English classes; October ACT will not have the results back in time for BYU or UofU
- Senior Plan for CCRs will begin tomorrow, Sept 17th, to help make sure they are on track for graduation and preparing for college applications, etc.
- AP changes – students only have until November 15th to commit to the AP test (used to be in the Spring); the pilot program has found that early commitment means greater “buy-in” for the students; if students are on Free and Reduced Lunch then they can apply for a fee waiver for AP tests (\$96 down to \$55 per test); families can also explain any hardships they may have to get reduced test; Total Registration is where students go to pay for their tests; donations are accepted through that web site to help other AHS students; AP is providing a lot of online supports for students with a Join Code; this is the first year for changes so it will be interesting to see how this year goes; if students pay after November 1st they need to go see Shannon Kershaw to make sure they are legitimately signed up before November 15th
- PSAT – October 16th; Sophomores and Juniors are invited to take it as a practice ACT; we ordered 140 exams; must apply before October 1st; cost is \$20
- 504s are done this year by Shannon Kershaw, which is a different process than in the past; all 504s should be directed to Shannon

V. SCC Training Dates (Heyborne)

- SCC Basics and SCC Training – new members need to go to SCC Basics and all members should go to SCC Training

VI. LT/TSSA Budget Projections (McGill)

- \$260,000 in Land Trust budget; \$240,000 in TSSA budget – see budget projections
- Amanda Oaks mentioned that the purpose behind TSSA money was that it would go directly to schools so they could have more of a say in the spending of this money; TSSA money is more flexible; Land Trust has more restrictions in the use of it; SCC is very important to decide where these funds go

VII. AP (Advanced Placement) Data (McGill)

- In the last 5 years, there has been a big push to put a stop to screening to see which students should take AP exams to help pad the pass rate; EVERYONE is now encouraged to take the test; we have more students than ever taking AP classes and AP tests; consequently, our pass rate dipped slightly, but now is increasing; we have an increased minority percentage of students participating in AP classes; nearly a third of our students are participating in AP classes; we are more interested in increased participation than higher pass rate

VIII. CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) Date – 18-19 Final Summary (McGill)

- Literacy Goal – Big improvements in Reading from Fall to Spring last year; this year trying to improve within demographics

- STEAM Goal – based around ACT – a little dip in Math across the nation, not just at Alta; a small dip in Science scores; English and Reading either stayed the same or improved; percent of students who met all four benchmarks has dipped the past couple of years, but is on the rise; we are 10 percent above the national average
- School Culture and Climate Goal – Increase student SOAR card recipients by 3,000 cards earned (from 5,000 to 8,000 for the year); we more than quadrupled that number
- Hawk Medallion – increase by 10%; award where students earn point value for involvement at school; they receive a medallion to wear at graduation
- Social, Emotional, and Mental Health learning supports – “Four Mental Tips” during CCR’s; Lifelines in Health Classes; New teacher suicide prevention training; Safe UT Promotion during grade level meetings; HOPE Squad Lessons

IX. Equitable Grading Scale (McGill)

- Newly mandated for all our teachers this year – research shows that one common variable among high achieving high schools is for them to come up with an Equitable Grading Scale
- If kids get behind after a couple of weeks, then they are inclined to throw in the towel; the hope is to give students some optimism
- Three options – (1) 50 is the new 0 (mindset shift); (2) 0 to 50 scale; (3) 4.0 grading scale (World Languages, Math, PE) – some teachers who were reluctant came up with their own scale
- Idea is to do away with a significant portion of Ds and Fs

X. Construction/Renovations Update (True) – Not Present

- New Hawk House – scheduled out from 6:30 am – 10:00 pm just about every night; alleviate a lot of burden on the Main Gym; this project was by far the cheapest because there is not much to it
- Special Construction Meeting – Main hallway needs to be closed; they will create a new hallway which will take out several offices; we will create temporary office space in the Faculty Room and the Attendance Office; this will be for 2 years; Hughes Construction will pick up the cost because they just barely dropped this on us; we will have two portables delivered the beginning of October; move Faculty room to 1802; move Alta Online to one of the portables; offer to Theatre teacher for the other portable (Struiksma)
- PAC will be done February-March 2020

XI. Step2TheU (McGill)

- Our Step2TheU program has served 112 students now; 1.68 million dollars has been saved; \$15-20,000 dollars saved per family; starting 4th cohort; the UofU will add an additional cohort on this year (80 students can be served per year now)
- Only high school in the state doing anything like this; 2 years of post high-school education done for \$120
- Junior-wide assembly in December to introduce to students and parents

XII. Student Enrollment & FTE (McGill)

- Enrollment is above 2300
- Last year we were the largest high school in the District; this year CCHS is the largest due to coming off of Moratorium
- For every 30 students we drop, we lose a teacher (and vice versa) – we want to maintain our enrollment

XIII. Parent Volunteers (McGill)

- District is putting together a Sex Ed committee – want volunteers
- Page Checketts volunteered

XIV. Other items/Wrap up

- A few concerns regarding air quality in the school – this is significant; Thursday they will set up an air quality test and measure what's in the air
- Homecoming Week – Pep Rally, Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Stadium

2019-20 SCC Meeting Schedule:

Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 3:00 pm
Monday, November 18 2019 @ 3:00 pm
Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 3:00 pm
Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 3:00 pm
Monday, March 16, 2020 @ 3:00 pm
Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn – Page Checketts
Second – Chet Linton
Meeting adjourned

Next SCC Meeting: October 21, 2019