

School Community Council
February 27, 2017

Those in Attendance:

Brian McGill	Albert Spencerwise	Shannon Alvey
Mary Lauer	Karin Hunter	Callie Bjerregaard
Shelly Karren	Cheryl Awerkamp	Jim Jensen
Tiffany Keim	Robyn Lee	
Tricia Leininger	Chad Heyborne	

Others in Attendance:

Carolyn Cannon (Main Office)
Judy Weeks-Rohner (Visitor – Grandparent of future student)
Helen Brown (Teacher)

Tiffany Keim asked for approval of January meeting minutes
Motion to approve by Albert Spencer-wise
Second by Karin Hunter
Minutes approved

Welcome by Brian McGill

- **SBO update/Events (Karl Packer & Student Government)**
(not present)

- **Counseling Corner (Callie Bjerregaard)**

ACT Test tomorrow for all Juniors. School begins at noon for 9th, 10th, and 12th grades. Makeup testing on Tuesday March 21st. We want EVERY junior in the school to take the ACT.

HOPE Week (March 6-10). Terra Bingham and Hope Squad in charge. Main objective is to help students deal with stress. Lunchroom activities, advisory lessons, Hawaiiin theme, food trucks, etc. It's been exciting to see Hope Squad working together (85 members). Speaker – Josie Thompson Solomon (struggled with depression and bi-polar) will do an assembly on Wednesday and a family/parent night on Thursday, March 9th in the Auditorium at 7:00 pm. She is very positive. Brian wrote an article to the students for the school newspaper. He will send it out to Community Council.

Scheduling – students have put in course requests; now trying to finish up with those not done. Continuing to try to educate parents and students that the “request” portion is the most important as it dictates classes offered and staffing required.

- **PTSA Update (Robyn Lee)**

PTA Day on the Hill last week. They were able to meet with the Speaker of the House. All Legislators from our area were there. They learned that it used to be that all money went to K-12. Now it's K-16. LeVar Christensen thinks it should be taken away from the colleges and put back to K-12.

Digital Citizenship week went well. PTSA Student club made a video about being “kind” on social media. Well received.

Parent Teacher conferences was poorly attended (only 16%)

Praised Hope Squad for their hard work and efforts.

There were 613 pairs of shoes put on the stage at the Capital to represent suicides last year. Very powerful.

- **Alta High Legislative Luncheon with Greg Hughes, Speaker of the House (Tiffany Keim)**

Speaker Hughes was accessible ... seemed to listened, but didn't seem like he would do do anything. The bureaucracy is frustrating. She asked where the money goes? She wants smaller class sizes. He didn't know. Higher Education is asking for more money. He said it's a constitutional right to attend college. She disagreed ... K-12 is a constitutional right, not higher education. Bottom line is that something needs to change. Brian – spoke to speaker Hughes about teacher recruitment and retention.

- **2017-2018 CSIP Goals – Draft/Review (McGill)**
- **2017-2018 LandTrust Proposal – Draft/Review (McGill)**
- **2017-2018 Cell Tower Funding Proposal (McGill)**

There is an April 1 deadline. We will do the vote next month at our meeting. Land Trust drives the CSIP plan. Brian will accept thoughts and feedback before we vote next month.

**Alta High School
Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) & LandTrust Proposal
2017-2018**

1. Literacy Goal:

- a. Raise SRI Lexile scores by 70 growth points from fall to spring assessment
 - i. Alta K-12 cone data and collection analysis from 3rd through 12th grade
 1. A focus will be on how our low-income students perform after our school wide literacy focus through Advisory and school wide curriculum emphasis (using disaggregated data)
 - ii. Adding 11th and 12th grade SRI assessments (currently our district only tests 9th and 10th grade students)
 - iii. Educate our students about importance of Lexile score and relevancy with academic success in high school and post-secondary education

Training and Professional Development	\$20,000
Personnel (FTE-lower class sizes as needed)	\$20,000
Social Studies Colloquiums	\$5,000

2. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Goal:

- a. Raise our current percentile of students scoring on math and science ACT benchmarks to 30% over next three years (currently at 26%)
- b. Continue to build and support our FIRST Robotics Team and Engineering Pathway

FIRST Robotics Competition Entry Fees	\$10,000
Training and Professional Development	\$10,000

Personnel (FTE-lower class sizes and After-School Tutoring) \$25,000

3. PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports):

- a. Have 70% of all Alta faculty demonstrate a 4 to 1 positive feedback ratio on CTESS (Canyon's Teaching and Educator Support System)
 - i. Alta K-12 cone goal
- b. Increase student SOAR card recipients by 1,000 cards (from 5,000 to 6,000)
- c. Maintain 10% goal of students earning the Hawk Medallion award
 - i. Students must earn 50 points a year by participating in various activities and through accolades and awards each grade in school.
- d. Earn an 80% score on our spring TFI (Tiered Fidelity Inventory), which assessed school culture and climate

4. Guidance Goals (CCR, Social, Emotional, and Mental Health) & Supports:

- a. Advanced and Honors Diplomas (monitors number of students taking advanced coursework during high school)
- b. Regents' Scholarship qualifiers
- c. College enrollment rates
- d. 90% high school graduation rate
- e. Mental health supports and suicide prevention/intervention:
 - i. Additional counselor

Personnel (Counselor) \$60,000

Landtrust Total: \$150,000

*Cell Tower Funding: Personnel to decrease class sizes as needed \$20,000

• **Valley Behavioral Health Partnership (McGill)**

We will have an LCSW a couple of days a week to work with students and families on-site. Hopefully next year they will be here full time. Also we hope to have a Social Worker Intern from the U of U.

• **2016-2017 LandTrust Budget & Proposal (McGill)**

We had voted to use the excess LandTrust money from last year to hire a halftime counselor to help us. However, because we got Helen Brown as a counseling intern and we began the partnership with Valley Behavioral Health, it is no longer necessary. Brian proposed we use the \$30-40,000 to purchase more chromebook wireless labs. Those teachers who have access to a wireless lab find that students are much more engaged. We are at the end of the spectrum in the district for the number of wireless labs we have. The money has to be spent this year, it can't be carried over.

Vote: \$40,000 to be used towards wireless chromebook labs

Motion to approve – Chad Heybourne; 2nd – Jim Jensen

Yes – 9; No – 1

Motion passed

- **Alta Alumni Room (McGill)**

Brian has been working on the Alumni Room for quite some time. It will be in the room next to the lunchroom. It will be renovated to be used as a nice executive conference room which will feature our rich traditions (cabinetry with lighting), memorabilia, photos, trophies, etc. Brian is meeting with architects this Thursday. Originally the money was going to come from cell phone money, but now the district will be providing much of the money.

- **Other Items**

Brian brought up that he has opted to move to one color gown for graduation (all black) rather than black for males and silver for females. Students will most likely be seated alphabetically (but still being discussed).

There were 20+ administrative changes made by the Board. Shelly Karren will be moving to Union Middle School as an Assistant Principal. Mary Lauer will not be returning. After 39 years she will be leaving education. Steve Bailey (currently at Jordan HS), will be coming as a new Assistant Principal.

Step2TheU – 45 applicants (for 30 slots), very excited about it.

Motion to adjourn – Karin Hunter

2nd motion – Chad Heybourne

Next meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017