

School Community Council
September 18, 2017

Those in Attendance:

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| Brian McGill | Judy Weeks Rohner | Brittany Stephenson |
| April Richardson | Terra Bingham | Jim Jensen |
| Garry True | Melissa Fabrizio | Chet Linton |
| Cheryl Awerkamp | Chad Heyborne | Callie Bjerregaard |
| Kirsten Davis | Karl Packer | Katy Jones |
| Matt Leininger | Tricia Leininger | Brenda Staples |

Others in Attendance:

Carolyn Cannon (Main Office)
Abigail Hardy (NHS)
Tavin Forsythe-Barker (NHS)
McKenzie Gutierrez (SBO)
Kaylen Cole (SBO)
Rique Ochoa

Jim Jensen filled in for Tiffany Keim, who was out of town

Jim Jensen asked for approval of the April meeting minutes

Motion to approve by April Richardson

Second by Melissa Fabrizio

Minutes approved

New members for 2017-2018 (Melissa Gibbs, Katy Jones, Chet Linton, Judy Weeks Rohner)

Motion to accept new members by Chad Heyborne

Second by Tricia Leininger

New members approved

Elect Vice Chair

Cheryl Awerkamp nominated Matt Leininger

Karl Packer second

Motion passed

SBO Update/Events (Karl Packer, McKenzie Gutierrez and Kaylen Cole)

- Theme this year is "Live the Legacy".
- Welcome week went well.
- Homecoming is October 2nd-7th. Pageant is on Monday, Assembly on Thursday, Game on Friday, Dance on Saturday. They will decorate the Friday before.

National Honor Society Update/Presentation (Abigail Hardy and Tavin Forsythe-Barker)

- NHS is piloting a Peer Tutoring Program after school.
- One day a week beginning in November on Tuesday from 2:45-3:45.
- They will cater to all students, working closely with teachers who have done tutoring in the past.
- They asked for the blessing and support of the SCC as well for input.
- Question by SCC: How do you plan to get the word out? (Use the NHS public relations officer; ask for SCC to help spread the word; school newspaper; Remind 101 to inform NHS

members; Advisory teachers; do a Skylert; Parent memo; do reminders throughout the year; key sessions to target a particular class or test; ask teachers to refer students)

Rique Ochoa

- Rique thanked the SCC for the money they allotted from Land Trust for the guest speakers he brings in each year. This year he has scheduled Professor Alan Taylor to come and speak on January 11th. He will be presenting on the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and on Colonial America.

PTSA update (Kirsten Davis)

- We had 600 memberships last year and almost 900 this year. We have had great teacher support. Brenda Staples has been wonderful.
- PTSA is in support of the Bond and they are trying to get the word out.
- They are doing some things for Parent Teacher Conferences coming up. They will feed the teachers after school on Monday.
- PTSA will be attending the LIA meeting tonight.

Alta High Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Services (Callie Bjerregaard and Terra Bingham)

- Doing Senior CCRs. They are going well. We are changing things up a little.
- College applications are available mid-October. Seniors are a little overwhelmed, but it's time to think about college.
- College Day is October 2nd, 8:30-11:00. All colleges in the state will be available. Seniors choose 3 break out sessions to go to.
- College Week is November 8th for Seniors. They will also do one for the Juniors in the Spring. From here on out it will only be for Juniors in the spring.
- Suicide prevention month. There are SO many mental health crisis that come through the office on a daily basis. We need awareness out there.
- Terra is doing great things with HOPE Squad. Hope Squad gets bigger and bigger. There is a rep in each Advisory class (80), plus 20 additional. There is an Advisory lesson once a month, not only on suicide prevention, but also on kindness, STAY, etc. Very successful with bringing student needs to attention.
- Next month is Anti-Bullying. Doing activity October 12th with Corner Canyon before the football game.
- Website – Hope Squad website off of the counseling website w/ parent resources, etc.
- Promoting Safe Utah App. Alta was the first to launch the App and uses it the most.
- More than 2 hours a day of Social Media is detrimental to students.
- It was suggested to put the Hope Squad lessons and Safe UT App information on the parent memo.

CSD Bond Proposal

- \$283 Million Dollar Bond on the Ballot this November. It is a tax neutral bond so will not raise taxes. \$38.5 million for Alta which will add new auxiliary gym, change current auditorium into a small theatre, new bigger auditorium on northwest corner of the building (1400 seat, double what we have now), raise the ceiling and add natural light to the commons, redesign offices with main office in the front and counseling where current main office is, alumni room, hvac, plumbing, etc.

Fall Student Enrollment

- Last Spring we were projected at 1,976 enrollment for the Fall. We had 150 extra students at the start of the year (50 Freshman, 50 Sophomore, 50 Junior). We were 4 FTE underfunded to start the year. They gave us an additional 2 FTE, but not until 4-5 weeks into school which makes it too late to create new classes and hire more teachers. So, we are feeling the crunch this Fall. Brian has recommended that in the future they look at the numbers in June or July to adjust the FTE a little sooner. This would provide us with time to hire more teachers and create more classes.
- The money we had allocated for teachers from Land Trust is now coming from the new FTE so we need to reallocate about \$100,000 in Land Trust. It's a good problem because we are growing, but hard to have the large class sizes that we do.
- Judy Weeks Rohner - Proposal to set up a sub-committee to create a resolution to address the FTE problem and submit to School Board. Second by Cheryl Awerkamp. Members on committee – Judy Weeks Rohner, Tiffany Keim, Jim Jensen, Chad Heyborne, Brittany Stephenson, April Richardson (may be others as well)

Academic Achievement Updates (ACT and SAGE)

- **Sage** - was supposed to end last year, but that's not happening.
- Math scores are going up every year
- Alta's scores are higher than District scores (with the exception of Physics)
- **ACT** – CSIP goal was to see students meeting all four benchmarks. This year 29% met all four which is a big jump. Math scores are also going up. Average ACT score is 21.4. Our Hispanic students jumped up quite a bit more. We are reaching out to them. Pacific Islanders went down. We need to look at that. Our accommodated students are doing well. They are averaging around the school average which is good to hear. It is harder to test because more and more need accommodations, but it's working.

Step2TheU Update (Brian McGill)

- The first cohort of students went through over the summer and all 36 kids made it through. The plan is to open another cohort to this year's junior class. The long-term goal is to get 2 cohorts going simultaneously. We will grow it year to year. Great opportunity for these students.

Land Trust Budget

- We have about \$200,000 to spend this year. Half is already allocated. The other half would have been allocated, but it was offset by additional FTE. Brian will bring suggestions to next meeting as to how to amend that.

CSD SCC Training Dates

- Copy of dates provided
- SCC members are encouraged to attend

Other items

- Latino parent meeting tonight.
- Teacher morale is pretty low. Brian is concerned. Suggested that the Administration and PTSA pop into each classroom to thank teachers and provide a small goodie bag.

Motion to adjourn – April Richardson

2nd motion – Kierstin

Next meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017, 3:30 pm