



# Alta High School

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## SCC Agenda November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attending: Melissa Gibbs, Navina Forsythe, Kelly Maksen, Ken Rowley, Katie Atkinson, Tess Hortin, Nicole Harman, Katie Christensen, Jeff Colemere, Shelly Karren, Callie Bjerregaard, SBO Josh Anderson, SBO Jake Motzkus, Chad VanOrden, Erin Black, Kjersti Barlow, Merinda Cutler, Page Checketts

Not in attendance: Cache Merrill, Nele Ofisa

### **I. Welcome – Katie Christensen**

- Called to order: 3:16pm

### **II. Minutes from last meeting – Katie Christensen**

- Motion to accept minutes: Jeff Colemere
- Seconded: Tess Hortin
- Unanimous vote to approve

### **III. SBO Update/Report – Mrs. Louder & SBO's Josh Anderson and Jake Motzkus**

- Veterans assembly was a success. About 50 veterans attended
- Alta Make-A-Wish Fundraiser is ongoing with weekly activities such as various tournaments/competitions, spirit night, odd jobs, etc. These activities will continue through December

### **IV. PTSA Update – Nicole Harman**

- PTSA and Admin did a Snack and Drink walk-around during advisory last week. The treats were well received and teachers were appreciative
- Hawk Hero is ongoing and awarded monthly. More interest is being generated with students inquiring
- Feb 7, 2023 - PTSA is sponsoring a student day at the capital. PTSA will send 10 and 10 go for free through State PTSA
- Reflections - had 28 entries. Eight advanced on to regions
- Hawk Stash - Still reworking things to provide for needs of students and have things they will use.
- Next PTSA board meeting Dec 14
- Still need a PTSA president elect
- Battle of the Bands will be held March 6, 2023. It will be a competition. Each band will have to do an original song and a cover song
- Fundraising - raised about 10k total, that included the last of the blankets.

Overall pleased with the fundraiser

**V. Counseling Corner – Mrs. Bjerregaard**

- Junior PCCR's are currently being held with juniors and their parents. Good opportunity to track graduation requirements college readiness
- Parent feedback is positive
- Step2theU apps will be due in February. Step2theU assembly Dec 13 during advisory for all juniors and their parents. The U now collects all applications and makes all entrance decisions
- Preparations are underway for AP testing in May
- Canyons District continues to hold mental health screening nights at various locations throughout the area.

**VI. Accept Digital Citizenship and School Safety Plans as explained in October's SCC meeting**

- In October, those writing the plans were here and explained the digital citizenship and school safety plans. We didn't have too much to change or to look at more closely.
  - Top safety concerns from the admin, most of these concerns are symptoms of a different problem in the lives of students, the action plan is to dig deeper into lives of students to see what is driving the behavior
  - Hall monitors, check and connect mentors, hawk watch, etc., are being paid out of trust land budget to help curb some of this behavior and find remedies
  - Naviana Forsythe asked the question, "How are we assessing the effectiveness of the check and connect and intervention specialists?" Her concern is that her student didn't get the help he needed and are there other students in the same situation. How are we assessing effectiveness and we may want to look at different options if these programs aren't meeting student needs.
  - The SCC agreed that it is a good idea to look into how students/parents are feeling about the programs and if they are working.
  - Tess Hortin asked if there is a protocol that mentors to follow for helping and tracking student progress
  - Shelly Karren answered, yes and no. Check and Connect check with students on class work and homework, etc. There are some criteria for the classes and keeping students in the program such as; are the grades improving. Each check and connect mentor has about 50 students they are connecting with. Mentors are more than happy to help students but sometimes it is tricky to get the right students matched with the right mentors. Counselors are working hard on getting better matches in place to help students. Check and connect mentors are not social, emotional mentors. Check and connect are academic mentors, helping with grades and classwork. Getting the right students referred to the program is improving.

- Jeff Colemere asked if it is possible to invite intervention specialists and check and connect mentors to SCC to explain how their program is going. Admin will work on getting them on the schedule to come in the near future.
  - Katie Atkinson wanted to know how this year's plan compares to last year's? She felt like it wasn't as clear as to what that plan is for the SCC
  - Ken would like to ask Rachel and Michelle to come to January's meeting
  - The suggestion was made that the action plan could also include the new attendance policy.
  - Merinda Cutler asked if there is a direct line from students in need of and intervention specialist. Ken answered that there is, and these students and how/what/where to intervene.
  - Katie Christensen would like to know how attendance plays into these programs. Shelly explained that the attendance secretaries continually speak with students, as does admin, about attendance and implementing tier 1 and tier 2 plans to get students in class. The new attendance policy is more labor intensive for the attendance and admin, involving one-on-one conversations with each student and then with the student and parent/guardian.
  - SCC would benefit to know if these additional hall monitors are making a difference and that the trust land funds are being well spent
  - In regard to the School Safety plan, has there been a coordinated effort between the city police and school to help deter drug and vaping problems, maybe a dog? Ken talked to the SRO in October. Dogs are not really an option. There is a possibility to do a few classrooms but not the entire school. Will continue to work with SRO on this and other solutions. There were about 15 incidents of vaping caught last year at the school. Vaping is different than drugs in that vaping is considered a cigarette, therefore the consequences are less.
  - The Safe UT app is a great resource. 2-3 tips are received daily
- Motion to accept School Safety Plan: Melissa Gibb
  - Seconded: Page Checketts
  - Unanimous vote in favor to accept
- Motion to accept the Digital Citizenship Plan: Melissa Gibb
  - It was not seconded and a discussion ensued
  - Concerns were raised about the digital citizenship plan
    - Do we have a Digital Citizenship Plan
    - How are we monitoring what is being presented in the classroom? Detailed lesson plans are sent for teachers to follow. Teachers are very concerned about curriculum and want to maintain integrity of course content
    - Is there a way to make parents aware of what is being taught? The

lesson plans could be sent in weekly email if that is what is needed/wanted. We don't want teachers to feel like someone is constantly looking over their shoulders but it might be nice for parents to know what is being presented to their students in regards to digital citizenship. This could lead to follow up discussions at home as well.

- Responsible use is also presented to parents at registration. Parents and students sign their agreement to know and follow district policy. The info is there for those who are looking for it.
- Parents absolutely should, and do, call the school if something inappropriate happens in a classroom. We want students to report concerns and share with parents and/or trusted adults. Most teachers are not using classroom time to promote their own agendas. The district legal counsel came to talk to teachers about what is appropriate and allowed in classrooms.
- Are we ready to vote?
  - What specifically are we voting to approve? We are voting to accept the district's plan that has been adapted to Alta. Amanda Scott presented this plan last month. It includes the four lesson plans previously discussed
  - How does the school evaluate if the Plan is working? What data is being collected and how is it being assessed? There may not be an effective way to assess this info. More discussions may need to be had.
- A motion was made to accept the Digital Citizenship Plan: Katie Atkinson
- Seconded:
- All voted in favor to accept

#### **VII. Report on BLT meeting (focus on goals) – Shelly Karren**

- In last BLT meeting, a lot of time was spent working on school goals: what do we have; what do we want to have; what are our strengths, weaknesses, etc.; how can we make the most of our goals
  - The BLT committee came up with a good start or draft of those goals such as: having an inclusive learning community where we are aligning with student success; looking at growth of many of the different segments of students, MLL, AP, etc.; how do we do that and how do we measure that;
  - The result is an overarching goal for 70% of students to be proficient
  - Additional goals: reduce at risk students by 5%; support teachers in their efforts toward these goals
  - BLT is still refining the plans/goals
- Ken - thanks to Shelly for her work on this plan and goals

#### **VIII. Trust Land Year to Date Report – Mr. Rowley**

- 52% of the land trust budget has been spent to date. Much of that was spent over the summer on Professional Development by the teachers

- SCC would like data on this money and the effectiveness it is having. Most of what is left is being spent on FTEs for hall monitors, etc. Is that money being used in the most effective way?
- PD - teachers are coming back excited about the things they are learning when they come back from conferences. Chad VanOrden shared how helpful it was for him as a new teacher to attend conferences where new ideas were shared about engaging students and learning new teaching strategies.
- Ken expressed gratitude for SCC efforts - thank you!

#### **IX. Other Items**

- No other items were discussed

A motion was made to adjourn: Jeff Colemere

Seconded: Merinda Cutler

All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 4:31pm

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 - 3:15pm Hawk Gallery