



# Alta High School

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**SCC Minutes**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**3:15pm – 4:30pm**  
**Alta Field House**

Attending: SBO Jessica Cai, SBO Annie Heaton, Amanda Scott, Krista Anderson, Ken Rowley, Kory Crockett, Navina Forsythe, Brandon Jacobson, Tess Hortin, Callie Bjerregaard, Merinda Cutler, Erin Black, Katie Christensen, Nicole Harman, Cassie Smith

Not in attendance: Kjersti Barlow, Katie Atkinson, Nele Ofisa

- I. Welcome:
  - Called to order: Katie Christensen at 3:21
  - New attendees: Brandon Jacobson, admin; Cassie Smith, parent; Amanda Scott, librarian; Krista Anderson, faculty
  
- II. Approval of September minutes:
  - Motion to approve minutes - Tess Hortin
  - Seconded - Kory Crockett
  - Unanimous vote to approve
  
- III. SBO Update/Report:
  - The Make-a-Wish assembly went well. The calendar is set up for the year of activities being held. The next activity will be spike volleyball.
  - The drama club is presenting “Mean Girls” starting in a few weeks. The musical is always well attended.
  - Canyons Leadership Academy is a district program aimed at making a difference in unifying the diverse culture. Alta has a leadership group participating in this. Pictures will be taken this Wednesday morning
  - The Veterans Day assembly will be held November 10th. We are encouraging veterans to attend and/or people to nominate veterans to be a part of the assembly
  - The choir held a live music concert during lunch last Friday. It was very fun and very successful. Students enjoyed it
  - This week is Spirit Week. Everyday is a different dress up day and, different activities will be held all week during lunch and after school
  - The multicultural mural was unveiled a couple of weeks ago. That activity went very well and was supported by the mayor of Sandy city, Canyons District superintendent and other district leaders, as well as parents, friends and the local artist who painted the mural with spray paints. Pictures of the mural can be viewed on the Alta High social media accounts

- The Red Rodeo Dance is the next school dance and will be held the Saturday, November 11. A professional caller is coming to teach line dancing and to call some of the dances.
- Alta Girls Volleyball is playing in Spanish Fork this week. This is the first week of 5A State Volleyball playoffs
- Alta's Football Team will be playing in the 5A Quarterfinals this Friday at Roy
- The Alta Marching Band will be competing at State this Weekend in St. George

#### IV. PTSA Update:

- Fundraiser extended to today. Brought in \$8500. The goal was \$14000. The fundraiser does not technically close. PTSA will always accept donations.
- PTSA will be providing snacks and drinks to the teachers during advisory in two weeks on November 14. It is always a fun activity.
- Student club has started with about 15 students. They are hoping to do a food drive for the hawk stash in December.
- Hawk stash is being well used. PTSA is out of money allotted for the hawk stash so they are hoping to have a more targeted list of items needed for the donation drive. Are there needs other than food? Callie indicated that we may have some students in need of coats this winter.

#### V. Counseling Corner:

- The counseling center finished UCAW (Utah College Application Week). A lot of good info was given to seniors. Most seniors took advantage of this chance to apply to several colleges. Some students have already gotten acceptance letters. Most colleges will continue to offer free applications through the end of this week. A few will only be free through the 31st.
- FAFSA applications are not out yet. FAFSA night will be held in January
- Next week the counseling center will start Junior PCCRs. This year parents were assigned appointment times. They are hoping to get better attendance by having appointments already assigned. Parents are still able to call to reschedule appointment times.
- The counseling center will be having an internal review this week. This happens every 5 years
- The counseling center is also doing Freshman check ins, which is just calling the freshman down to see how things are going. The Freshman have also been given a scavenger hunt that they can participate in. The hunt includes things they can do to get to know the school and services offered here. If they return the scavenger hunt, they will get a candy bar. The counselors are hearing that most freshman seem to be enjoying high school
- Krista Anderson mentioned that some seniors are concerned about paying for college. She suggested that maybe more info can be shared about how to pay for college. Callie said the counseling center will really be pushing FAFSA night which includes grants, scholarships, etc., as well as FAFSA. She wanted to make sure that students are not afraid to apply for college based on tuition costs. There is money available to help students even if

they do not qualify for FAFSA

VI. Digital Citizenship:

a. Plan to be shared for input and feedback

- Plan needs to be written then sent to SCC. Amanda Scott has sent a digital copy which includes hyperlinks for easy reference
- Amanda presented the entire plan. Please refer to the Digital Citizenship plan for review. It includes the district plan and Alta's adaptation of the district's plan
- Parent Education - trying to partner with parents to encourage good digital citizenship in their youth
- What is Alta High School specifically doing? Amanda partnered with Social Studies department to present a 90 minute lesson on Lateral Learning (evaluating reliability through checking multiple sources).
- Faculty is trying to help students become better digital citizens in all areas of learning, including being safe on the internet.
- Feedback wanted/needed from SCC by answering the following questions:
  - Regarding the District Filtering & Systems: Does the SCC feel it has received enough information to determine if the filtering systems and supervision practices are appropriate?
    - Yes
  - Does the SCC feel it has received enough information about the school's educational efforts to instill in students a desire to be good digital citizens?
    - Yes
    - Follow-up question: Can Chromebooks be set to turn off at night?
      - No. Students do have the option to return or check in their chromebooks at night then check them out again the next day, but it is not an option to have the chromebooks lock after a certain time each day for a number of reasons.
  - Does the SCC believe the school has a viable plan to present important Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship information to parents in the community?
    - Yes
    - Navina Forsythe asked to have more information about phishing. Amanda indicated that there was a lesson given to students last year which could be presented again this year. It was mentioned that many companies are now requiring annual training on this.
    - Does social media fall into digital citizenship?
      - Yes. Alta tries to incorporate aspects of how social media plays into all lessons presented

- There was a concern raised that, at times, teachers require students to set up social media accounts as part of their assignment. This may be against parental standards. What can be done about this?
      - That is an issue that needs to be looked into and addressed
  - The SCC will vote on the digital citizenship plan next month. Please review the materials sent to you and have any questions or concerns ready to be discussed so we can be prepared to vote on this.

## VII. School Safety Plan

### a. Safety priorities at AHS.

- Alta has applied for a school safety grant. It has been shared with you on a google doc.
- A fire drill and a lock down drill have already been completed this year. A hold (shelter in place) drill is coming up on the November 16th. Notes are taken after every drill and improvements are made, i.e. better exit routes, better information, better notification of subs, etc.
- Four new cameras will be installed: one outside the doors by the gym, one in wrestling room and a couple of other places throughout the school where we currently do not have coverage
- Alta has four hall monitors. Two of those are funded by SCC. They are used for different purposes and given differing and rotating assignments. Sometimes they are assigned to watch the bathrooms to minimize vandalism and smoking/drugs. They walk the halls and outside of the buildings to check for propped doors. They clear the halls of students asking them to go to class, etc.
- Do you feel that four hall monitors is sufficient? Mostly yes. Students are responding well. Different personalities of the hall monitors seem to be good and have differing effects on different students based on personality. Once the 5th bathroom opens in the band room, that may change.
- What do you do when someone is caught vaping? Different tiers of intervention. Most time it is found/reported by another student. When a student is caught with nicotine, it is usually a 1-3 day suspension. If it is THC (marijuana) the suspension is 3-5 days. Second offense can be sent to the district
- We encourage students to use the Safe UT app to report suspicious behaviors. If they fill out all the info (school, time, date, etc.) it goes straight to the admin who will then address the situation
- Does Alta do active shooter drills? No. We do a lockdown drill. Active shooter drills can be traumatizing to students and teachers
- Our drills are a work in progress. We are trying to keep students as safe as possible. Keeping students in class as much possible is the easiest way to keep them safe
- Is there a concern with crosswalks? Alta's biggest concern is

actually the bus lane. Parents are parking in the bus lane and in the faculty lot. Buses are not allowed to back up in student zones for student safety. Cars pulling into the bus lanes prevents buses from leaving and it blocks the bus driver's view. On the other hand, we want students in school, so when parents pull into the bus lanes, we try to thank them for bringing their students and suggest they use the student drop off lanes instead of the bus lanes

- A link was emailed out to the SCC with the school safety plan. Please look it over. If you have any questions, please let Brandon know
- The school safety plan will be voted on next month.

#### VIII. Other Items

- Gratitude was expressed for the communication coming from the school
- Alta is looking for a new head football coach
- Step 2 the U is still on pause. The money that the SCC had allotted for this program will be put towards other goals approved by the SCC. One thing already done was to move a part-time MLL aide to full-time to give more help to our new MLL coordinator. The MML coordinator is having a huge impact on the MLL students. The program is going well. The money is being well spent.
- Is there grant money for translation services? The district has some translation programs but no others that we are aware of. Alta has purchased 4 headsets for translation. They are being used at Herriman High. We are looking into how Herriman is using them and testing the 4 sets we have to see how effective they are in providing translation services for MLL students
- Thanks was given to the SCC for the work they are doing for the school

A motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Harman

Seconded by Erin Black

Unanimous vote to adjourn

Next Meeting:

November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 3:15pm in the Hawk House Gallery

Please have any agenda items to Katie Christensen by November 20<sup>th</sup>