



Alta High School

SCC Agenda January 22nd, 2024

Attending: Kory Crockett, Cassie Smith, Krista Anderson, Navina Forsythe-Barker, Tess Hortin, Nicole Harman, Katie Christensen, Callie Bjerrgaard, Merinda Cutler, Erin Black

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

- I. Welcome – Katie Christensen
 - Called to Order: 3:22
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - Motion to approve: Cassie Snow
 - Seconded: Nicole Harmon
 - Unanimous vote to approve
- III. SBO Update/Report SBO's
 - No report
- IV. PTSA Update
 - PTSA will be taking 16 students to the capitol on Feb 8. Indian Hills will also be attending
 - PTSA will be providing dinner for the teachers one night during parent teacher conferences
 - Battle of the Bands will be held on Feb 15 in the little theatre. Currently 4 bands will be performing. After a 7 year hiatus the PTSA is trying to get more interest back in this activity
 - The PTSA currently has a president elect for next year. It is Sandy Stock. She will do a good job. The nominating committee is working to get a vice president in place
 - The PTSA has 12 hawk blankets which they are selling for \$70
 - The Hawk Stash is overflowing and enough money was raised to keep it running

for a couple of years. The PTSA budgets about \$300 per year. \$700 was raised. The Hawk Stash is being well used now. More staff is aware of it and more students are using it. It is stocked with items the students are more likely and willing to use.

V. Counseling Corner

- There are always lots of students needing help with schedule changes at the beginning of the semester but it is also a fresh start for students so it is a busy time but it is good
- Wednesday is Freshman Orientation. Course cards will be handed out to the incoming Freshman and counselors will go to Indian Hills in a week to pick them up. Freshman will also have the chance to see what clubs and classes are offered
- Course cards will be handed out to 9th and 10 graders in February
- The ACT will be given to Juniors on March 26. Starting in February counselors will be helping students register for the test. All ACT test were given online last year and it seemed to go pretty well. Colleges are in the process of determining if they will make the ACT test (or SAT test) mandatory or keep it optional after this year. BYU will do one more year as optional. The U is still deciding what they will do next year.
- The question was asked about how long a student has to add or drop a class at the beginning of a semester. The answer is 10 school days or this weekend for this semester.
- Krista Anderson asked how parents feel about pre-reqs. She says students are failing math 1, for example, and getting into math 2 but they are not ready for the next class. As a teacher this is frustrating so she wondered how parents feel about that. Callie recommended that counselors and department sit down and look at that more closely.

VI. Update on current plan (23-24)

a. Goals, Action Items, Data

- Goals are in the areas of proficiency and growth. How is that going? Teachers are being asked to focus on standards, or are their students proficient in a standard. Proficient would mean that students are passing that class. Working is being done within PLCs to measure proficiency. The goal is to have a 3% growth in proficiency each quarter. The BLT met last week where it was

determined that the goal was for PLCs to focus on core subjects instead of looking at all the standards, narrowing it down to an essential standard.

- Another aspect MLT is the welfare of students. Are students in a state where they can focus on learning? If they have issues they are concerned about (transportation, hunger, income, clothing, single-parent families, etc.), students are not in a place of learning.

b. Check & Connect

- The two Check & Connect mentors work with students that need a first level of intervention. Each student is evaluated and must show improvement with the Check & Connect mentors. If they are not showing improvement in grades, they are moved to the second level of intervention, or Hawk Watch

c. Hawk Watch

- Each Hawk Watch class is capped at 15 students. 32 students moved from Check & Connect to Hawk Watch. Hawk Watch classes were intentionally kept small initially to have room for students needing the next level of intervention. All the Hawk Watch classes are now pretty much full. When Hawk Watch is not working to reach a student, they are transferred to a district program. There have been 5 students moved from Hawk Watch to district programs
- We want students to show improvement. Data is still being collected to see if the 3% proficiency goal is being met
- A survey of the students who are actually in Check & Connect (those being called down by the mentors) and who are attending will be made to see if the goals are being met.
- Referrals for Check & Connect come from the school support team (admin, counselors and rep from dept)
- The Admin is trying to hire more mentors out of leftover land trust money. They would like to make the 17 hour mentor a 28 hour position.
- Is attendance being checked? Chronic attendance problems are not for Check & Connect or Hawk Watch. Students have to be in attendance for interventionist to be able to work with them. Students with too many absences are dealt with by admin and attendance secretaries, involving parents as needed.
- The attendance policy is being reviewed. No changes have been finalized. NG (No Grades) are being considered. If a student receives a NG, what is their push to get to class? There are some in favor of NG and others who are not. The state policy mandates that no grades can be left as a NG so the question is what can be done so students will make up a NG if they ultimately have to be given a grade

in the class. This is still being worked on and discussed. One of the goals is eligibility and getting students to go to class to be eligible for sports, among other things.

VII. Graduation 23-24

a. Huntsman Center U of U – Wednesday, May 29th 10:00 am

- Yearbook day is typically held the day before graduation beginning with senior picking up their yearbooks after graduation rehearsal. Plans have not been finalized for that as of yet.

VIII. Teacher of the Year Nominations

a. January 5th – February 2nd (Nomination window open)

i. <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/nominate-teacheroftheyear/>

- Please nominate. The window for nominations will close on Feb 2

IX. Letter from Governor Cox – Cellphones in classroom

- Cell phone policies come from school boards. Governor Cox approached superintendents before the letter came out to School Community Councils. Our School Board has determined to allow teachers to decide if they want to use cell phones in their classrooms. The admin is supporting teachers in this area.
- It was pointed out by a SCC parent that some students have 504s which allow for students to have music while working on their assignments. Their student uses a phone for this purpose. 504 accommodations will always trump other policies. An idea suggested to help teachers know what accommodations are in place for the students in their classes was for parents to proactively email their students' teachers letting them know what is included in their student's 504 plan.

X. Other Items

No other items were brought up

- Motion to adjourn: Tess Hortin
- Seconded: Merinda Cutler
- Unanimous vote to adjourn
- Time: 4:35

Next Meeting: Monday, February 26th, 2024 (3:15 pm)