



# Alta High School

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## SCC Minutes September 30, 2024

**Attending: Ken Rowley, Kory Crockett, Jason Dyer, Navina Forsythe, Nicole Harman, Sandy Stock, Grace Acosta, Tess Hortin, Monty Eyink, James Barron, Jill Gorringer, Clint Okerlund, Katie Christensen, Callie Bjerregaard, Lisa Hansen, Jodi Aldous, Teneil Hansen, Cassie Smith**

**Not in Attendance: Erin Black, Mindy Cupello, Merinda Cutler, Christopher Sharp**

I. Welcome

Called to Order: 3:15pm

a. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Approve: Tess Hortin
- Seconded:
- Unanimous Vote to Approve

III. SBO Update/Report – SBO's

- NA - No SBOs in attendance

IV. SCC Expectations and Responsibilities

- Attendance is critical because of ongoing plans we are developing and want the members to participate in discussion.
- Alta's bylaws state that, if for some reason a member cannot attend, they need to notify the chairperson ahead of time to be excused. If a member misses 3 consecutive meetings, the member will be excused from participation on the school community council and may be replaced by the group (employee or parent) that elected them. If an SCC member misses three meetings in a given school year, they will be invited to resign as a voting member of the committee.

- New SCC Members are expected to attend one of the District Training Sessions. Training sessions are listed below:
  - October 3rd
    - Session 3: 1-2:30pm - General SCC Training for all members
    - Session 4: 5:30-6:15 – Basic SCC Training for new members and those wanting a refresher.
    - Session 5: 6:30-8:00 – General SCC Training for all members
  - Oct. 8, 2024
    - Session 6: 10:00-11:30 – General SCC Training for all members
    - Session 7: 6:00-7:30 - General SCC Training for all members

V. Voting in of New Members

- Motion to Approve New Members -Navina Forsythe
- New Members state name:
- Monty Eyink
- James Barron
- Grace Acosta
- Jill Gorringer
- Clint Okerlund
- Lisa Hansen
- Sandy Stock
- Jodi Aldous
- Teneil Hansen
- Jason Dyer
- Seconded: Nicole Harman
- Unanimous Vote to Accept New Members

VI. Election of SCC Chair

- SCC Vice Chair? Who will nominate themselves? Jill Gorringer
- Motion to Approve - Grace Acosta
- Seconded: Jason Dyer
- Unanimous Vote to Approve

VII. PTSA Update

- 242 Members currently and 46 Teacher Members - way ahead of last year's

numbers. Admin sign ups are Kalisi Uluave and Laurie Moon. Cassie Smith is membership chair and doing a great job.

- PTSA Student Club membership is up and running.
- Hawk Hero - Allison Holbrook and Nicole Harmen are the leads.
- Hawk Stash is working well for kids who need help with food, blankets and school supplies. Supplies are getting depleted so Sandy Stock will update a list of items needed to get those re-filled.
- Reflections - Theme for this year is Accepting Imperfection. Deadline for entries is Oct 23. There are no entries as of yet; contact Utah PTA Reflection for more information.
- Meet the Candidate Night will be held for 2 nights. October 3 at Indian Hills Middle and October 9 at Union Middle. Both events will last from 5:30-8pm with 40 candidates committed to attending. This is a great opportunity to hear from candidates about the issues on the ballot that directly impact funds for education.

#### VIII. Counseling Corner – Mrs. Bjerregaard

- We just finished 12th grade PRC in English classes. We covered graduation requirements, college application deadlines, which colleges still require the ACT, and priority dates for scholarships.
- October 14-16 is College Application week for Seniors, and we are encouraging all seniors to apply somewhere. Most schools are waiving their application fees this week. There will be a kick off assembly that week and college reps will be here. Counselors will help kids apply for college on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- On November 1, counselors will be holding individual PCCR with Juniors to review their goals and make sure students are on track for graduation.
- All counselors attended a mental health training called BRISK. BRISK is not a therapy tool. It is a skill building tool. Students perform a self-evaluation to identify their Top 3 stressors whether those are classes, home life, school, friends, etc. Counselors help students problem-solve ways to help alleviate stress and build skills to improve their situation. Counselors then follow up for 3-4 30 minute sessions with an option to continue for longer if needed. There is also an option to refer students to a school psychologist. The hope is that this will eventually help counselors reduce their workload. The program is parent-approved. Does require FIRPA. The students are identified as those missing school often, problems academically, parent concerned, friend drama. The program is voluntary, and students are asked if they would like to participate.

#### IX. Advisory, Attendance & Personal Technology Policies ADVISORY

- Every Advisory class period is a study skills class, Intervention help and an opportunity for students to be in a class with a teacher outside of regular class time. It could even be an adult in the building that the student connects with so not necessarily one of their current teachers. We are getting lots of good data from this.
- Advisory is Monday -Thursday between 1st and 2nd on A-days or between 5th and 6th on B-days.
- Monday's Advisory is for team building, skills building, and working on communication in group discussions. Tuesdays are for grade checks so students know where they stand. They login to Skyward, Canvas and clarify grades. Wednesdays and Thursdays students have the opportunity to visit another teacher where they may be struggling for Intervention time. Students can choose where to go - regular Advisory class or Intervention.
- This year we started the Scanning program: students scan their ID cards and it marks them present regardless of which room they are in. We've had a few hiccups but got the bugs worked out.
- If a student is marked absent, it means the student has not scanned their ID anywhere. They do have the ability to type in their ID # if the scanner is not working. If marked absent in error, their Intervention teacher can correct it. If there is an absence in Advisory, it will not impact student perfect attendance.
- High GPA students use advisory to mentor, tutor, and help other students. Student athletes using the time to get ahead.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance is important! The more students are present in school, the more successful they are. Attendance is one of the greatest challenges teachers face.
- Student athletes have extra encouragement to be in class. For sports based on UHSAA, if a student-athlete misses too many classes they are not eligible to participate.
- Students who receive 5 attendance marks (absent, tardy or truant) become Tier 1 intervention with the Attendance office. If it continues, the student is at risk of not being able to participate in sports, clubs. Working to make repercussions based on the student. Too many attendance marks could impact school dances if that is what is important to the student.
- Tier 2 - continued Attendance marks and student meets with VP/ Admin to discuss why the student is skipping or not attending classes? Work to figure out what is happening at school/home that is causing the negative behavior/attitude about class.
- Degree sign on skyward = Make-up time. Students can come to class before school to make up the work they missed with that specific teacher.
- All positive feedback from teachers. Teachers actually brought this attendance policy to the Admin. Admin took it to the District and then it was modified by the District to include the parents in a meeting with students to find out what the issues are.

- Parent excused and School excused are not considered Absent / Tardy for Attendance Policy.
- Tardies reset every quarter.

### PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY POLICY

- Not just cell phones - Personal Tech policy includes earbuds, iPods, Switches.
- The goal is to have students in class and ENGAGED in learning. Any kind of personal tech should not be used in class unless it is for educational purposes. We ask that personal tech is put away during class. Teachers are keeping phones in a brown paper bag which makes a lot of noise if students try to access their phones when they aren't supposed to. Some learning is more effective on cell phones so personal may be used during class time where appropriate. Students have personal tech during lunch and between classes.
- Positive feedback from students and teachers! Students are more engaged in learning since implementing. They are interacting with the curriculum and each other more! Even when they have their devices, students seem to be interacting more, behavior is better, and grades are better. Kids are happier!
- We understand that life happens so teachers will allow personal tech if there is a family emergency.
- Personal Tech and 504s? discussion with the teacher to determine if 504/IEP allows the accommodation. If found that a student needs personal tech as an accommodation, then school will follow.
- Chromebook violations: Teachers can monitor what students are doing on their chromebook. Parents also have the ability to change their student's access to websites based on grade level. Parents can change access on a daily basis. Link on District website on Parent's - Tech for Families... Digital Safety - Web Restrictions. A parent has to log in and create restrictions. Important that kids do not have parent log-in info so they cannot remove the restrictions themselves.

### X. Other Items

- NHS induction is from 6-7pm October 1 in the Alta HS Media Center..
- School shooting Threat: Proper response when a student reports that there is a potential threat at their school to a parent. Parents should report through the SafeUT app. If school/student safety is an issue, Ken Rowley gets a phone call.
- Reminder from KoryCrockett about SCC Training for new SCC members @ Oct 3 and Oct 8. Kory will send an email to all new members with the info.

- Motion to Adjourn - Cassie Smith
- Seconded: Grace Acosta

Adjourned: 4:24pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 / 3:15pm (Digital Citizenship Plan, School Safety Plan)