



Alta High School

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SCC Minutes February 24th, 2025 - 3:15pm

Attending: Tess Hortin, Ken Rowley, Kory Crockett, Jason Dyer, Navina Forsythe, Steve Dimond, Grace Acosta, Teneil Hansen, Sandy Stock, Nicole Harman, Jodi Aldous, Rachael Felsing, Callie Bjerregaard, Cassie Smith, Katie Christensen

Not in Attendance: Monty Eyink, Clint Okerlund, Mindy Cupello, Jill Gorringer, Lisa Hansen

I. Welcome

- Called to Order: 3:15pm

II. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Approve: Nicole Harman
- Seconded: Jason Dyer
- Unanimous vote to approve

III. SBO Update/Report

- Alta has been busy!
- Course request cards for next year's classes are coming due.
- Tryouts for our Spring sports start today
- Next month is the ACT for all Juniors
- Graduation cord and Hawk Medallion applications are available now on our Alta High website
- We just had our Unified Basketball assembly and it was really fun to watch.
- Our Basketball Team won their play-off game last night and will be playing at the University of Utah tomorrow night.
- The Springville Art show was a huge success and we had 6 students represent Alta.
- CTE Curricular clubs are getting ready to compete- in their upcoming State competitions to qualify for nationals.
- Theater just finished with an amazing play - Metamorphoses. If you have not had the chance to support our Theater Dept, their Murder Mystery is coming up.
- We are wrapping up our winter sports season and are happy to report great student attendance.
- Cheer just won a National tournament!
- Student Government elections begin for our Sophomores and Juniors on March 3.

IV. PTSA Update - Sandy Stock

- Enrollment at 280 and enrollment is UP over last year. Enrollment here at Alta and Corner Canyon are the only 2 Canyons schools with an increased enrollment.
- We've been very busy with our Teacher Appreciation - Our Holiday Cookie Party for the teachers went really well.
- We also hosted a hot cocoa/coffee bar breakfast that went well.
- Chick-Fil A night was a success. We got our sandwiches for FREE because we hosted a Spirit Night where customers could order through the app, and we had so much support that night, that it paid for all the sandwiches!
- Tomorrow PTC dinner - Soups, salads, rolls and dessert.
- Teacher's grants are going well with more teachers taking advantage of these. We are looking at some other ways to help out as well. Maybe sponsoring some field trips for students and teachers.
- Student club going well with 30 students.
- Hawk Hero is going well and we had lots of nominations.
- Field trip to the Matheson CourtHouse and Capitol; Rep Clint Okerlund providing a tour and speaking with the kids about the legislative session.
- Planning a service project for foster care; either putting hygiene kits together or tying blankets for them. The plan is to provide a blanket for kids coming through court. If not, we will donate to Christmas Box House that they will do the hygiene kits for.
- Freshman Orientation went well, getting incoming Freshman excited about joining clubs when next year starts.
- Battle of the Bands was amazing! We had 5 bands and 3 soloists, and we tripled our attendance over previous years. Held in the PAC which allowed for more attendance. Get that on the calendar for next year!
- Hawk Stash fundraiser was very successful and we received a lot of food! Hawk Stash is packed and it is being utilized daily. 30+ sweatshirts were donated and they are all gone. Hats, gloves, toiletries all donated are practically gone too.
 - May be an opportunity to remind teachers, especially new teachers, about the Hawk Stash in the next Faculty meeting.
 - Now a note on the Hawk Stash door for students to get a teacher if they need something so students are very aware of Hawk Stash.
- Heard reports that some kids were too embarrassed to ask for items from Hawk Stash. Students can come during class time to the Counselors office, so they don't have to receive items before or after school. We can also provide a backpack for the student to fill with Hawk Stash items.
- Sandy Stock took some items to students homes over the holidays and left those anonymously on doorstep.

- Reflections - one of our photography students, Lucy Denzer, is a state winner! Lucy won at the Springville Art Show too.

V. Counseling Corner - Callie Bjerregaard

- ACT testing is March 12. Letters have been mailed out to students' homes to announce the date. The ACT currently has 4 sections: English, Reading, Math and Science. This is the last year students will be tested on Science (English, Reading and Math will continue). Beginning in April, Science will be optional and each section will be a little shorter. The goal is to make the test shorter and easier for students to take; and because there is concern over validity of the Science section because it consisted mostly of graphs and predicting trends rather than actual science questions. The Science section will still be available for colleges that require Science ACT scores, however. There are more updates online.
- The ACT can be taken one time for FREE. Students can take the test more than once, but there will be a fee after the first test. Not all colleges require the ACT so students can opt out. Some schools require ACT for scholarships. Some schools use Math scores to place students and/or waive further math requirements.
- A good score will help the student's application, but a bad score won't hurt. Scores are not averaged. Students can just send their highest score to the college they are applying to.
- Course requests will likely continue into the first week of March. We are almost done with our current Freshman, and we finished Junior course requests last week. We already had individual meetings with Juniors and their parents and got their course requests done last week. Starting tomorrow we are doing our current 10th grade PCCRs. We are just starting to get them interested in a career path, and helping them understand that it's great to take a class with friends, but we are encouraging students to use electives to explore interests and talents and then sign up for classes that align with future goals.
- Graduation cords applications are available now on our Alta High website. Those are due back to each Department head by Thursday April 17. Hawk Medallion applications are due back to their Counselor that same date. Those students earning Honors and Advanced diplomas are identified by counselors.

VI. TSSP & Trust Land Goals 1st Draft – Kory Crockett

a. Review of Goals for 2024 – 2025 Plan

Academic Goal

- looking at next year and our school goals.
- For the current school year, our plan talks about using growth and proficiency data for each of our teachers. Next year, every teacher is going to give an assessment each quarter to track students' growth by quarter. Some classes build making it easier to track growth where other classes do

not, which can make it more difficult to track progress. So starting next year, we want to look at Pre and Post tests each quarter to track growth by quarter rather than just growth over the entire year.

- We have our goals and using benchmark assessments and common formative assessments each quarter, each content will measure the proficiency and growth of students in their classes. Through targeted interventions and ongoing progress monitoring of standard based learning objectives to meet the learning needs of students. Proficiency levels should show continuous growth each grading period.
 - Teachers wrote these tests this year. Next year, the tests will be written collectively by all the teachers in each department so there is a common assessment. The goal is to bridge knowledge of new teachers and seasoned teachers and help us determine what we can do better in the classroom and plan future teacher development.
- Action items that are currently in place that we plan to continue:
 - PLC Conferences: teachers learn together how to do these common assessments, read the data and then make a decision about how to move forward.
 - Colleague Planning and Observation days: the time for these are already built into our early out Fridays so will not require more funding.
 - USBE Microcredentials - learn current best practices.
 - Technology and Video Observation tools to help teachers review their own test data with peers, Admin and Instructional coach.
 - These will require some funds from TSSP/Land Trust. We aren't sure currently what will be needed because we are still waiting on the course requests to be completed, but we will present that next month.
- Student Academic Supports follow similar to what we want to do next year.
 - MTSS Framework including in-class tier 1 & 2 interventions that we do here at the school.
 - Academic Vocabulary.
 - PLCs
 - Albert - test prep material to help students prepare for the ACT, learn good study skills and executive functioning skills.
 - Tutoring math labs after school. This allows for our teachers to stay after school.

- Science labs coming back next year and this will require some money.
- ELL support. We have more and more students enrolling who are English Language Learners and we need to provide support for these students.
- Increased class offerings and reduced class sizes. Our average class size is 36-40 but want to keep that number low. So we offer teachers more money for a 7th period Authorization or we may need to bring in additional teachers. So we put a lot of money toward that.
- Various academic and curricular programs and making sure there is money to support those.

MTSS Goal:

- The goal is to help students in academics but also social and emotional too.
 - We ask for additional money for a School Counselor. Based on our enrollment, the District allots a certain amount but we want a little more to support the caseload. This also helps support a Testing Coordinator and the programs we run out of the Testing Department.
 - Lots of students meet with our social worker so the district helps us with 1 more.
 - Check and Connect: we have a FT and PT which is a Tier 2.
 - Hawk Watch is Tier 3 for students who need emotional support along with academic support over and above what Advisory can support.
- Attendance Policy is going really well! Tardiness and absenteeism has been greatly reduced this year and has saved the VPs a lot of time in not having to make phone calls. We continue to meet with students who struggle attending classes. Our Unexcused Absences are down 27% this year!
 - Text to parents with specifics about whether students are tardy or absent helping. Students and especially student athletes are held accountable to attendance.
- We are allotted 2 hall monitors paid from TSSP and we have asked for more. We currently have 4 hall monitors, and they have come in handy monitoring students especially a school of this size with so many exits.
- Student Support Team is a referral system for students who need additional support.

- PBIS is our Positive Behavior Intervention Support where students can earn Soar Cards and cash them in at the Hawk Store.
- Advisory and Intervention going really well. We have received a lot of positive feedback and will be looking for more feedback from parents in the future on how it's working from your perspective.
- Wellness room: a calm room housed in the Attendance Office for students with high anxiety so they can decompress so they can get back to class.
- These are how we help our students as part of our early warning systems so those that are struggling academically or socially, that's what these additional funds will go toward. We will discuss further next month.
- We will be getting an increase in Land Trust and TSSP money for next year.

VII. District Calendar: Steve Dimond: Director of HR @ Canyons District and Chair of District Calendar Committee

- Here to provide General info about the calendar and how it is put together.
- The calendar is owned by the Board of Education. Input from parents/staff was used to create the Calendar Committee Guidelines which are used to create the calendar each year. People from every level of education are involved in creating the calendar because it impacts all 33,000 students and all 6,000 employees. 26 people are on the Calendar Committee.
- The calendar varies from year-to-year. The current calendar is online, a tentative calendar for next year and even the prospective calendar for 2 years out are also available online. Future calendars cannot be finalized due to difficulty in booking venues too far in advance.
- State statute says we have to be in session for 180 days and 2 of those days are Parent Teacher Conferences so we really have 178 days. Professional development days for teachers also count toward class time. We use this, along with all of the input we receive and our guidelines to create the calendar. The calendar then goes to the Board and they give further direction on the calendar.
- Mr Dimond is currently working on a survey to teachers, parents, ESPs for input on some questions/concerns. ie) Can we end 2nd semester prior to Winter Recess? Fixed A days and B days?
 - Granite School District has these in place, but they start school earlier in the year than we do and have a shorter Winter Recess. The challenge is trying to please all the different groups because high schools often have different preferences than middle schools.
- Mr Dimond is open to suggestions but asks that your suggestions must consider the positives and the drawbacks of your suggestion and the impact to all the different groups ie) Parents with diff age kids at home, bus drivers (165 of them), teachers.

- Question: is there a way to see when our suggestion is going before the Board so we can be there to support it? Yes, it's on the agenda.
- Question: Considering a shift with the overlap of the 2nd quarter after Winter Recess and again a few days after Memorial Day because those days feel like a loss? The next 3 years we will get out before Memorial Day and that is just the way the calendar plays out. But with Winter Recess, is it 2 full weeks or is it 8 days? There is some flexibility with the start of the school year, and it is guided by the current guideline which states that school starts on the 3rd Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of August. We can shift to Monday, but some teachers prefer to start on Wednesday. But then everyone wants the full 2 weeks off for Christmas. and the full week off for Spring Break.
- Question: opportunity to look at the guideline that states that school starts the 3rd week of August and make a change to that? It depends. It's up to the Board and feedback from surveys. Family vacations, school building remodels, will shorten Spring Recess and Winter Break. Fall sports begin in August. Have to balance the Pros and Cons to each impact and still have to get the 180 school days in.
- Question: opportunity for high schools to start later in the morning? Board discussed but would require 20 additional buses and bus drivers.
- New calendars are brought up in September/October each year.

Reminder of upcoming events here at Alta:

Concerto Night on Wednesday in our PAC

Boys Basketball at 230pm tomorrow night at the U!

Motion to Adjourn: Nicole Harman

Seconded: Cassie Smith

Unanimous vote to adjourn: 4:20pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 31st, 2025, 3:15 pm