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Alta High School

SCC Minutes October 20th, 2025 3:15pm - 4:04pm

Attending: Ken Rowley, Tess Hortin, Rachael Felsing, Matt Berrett, Amanda Siler, Monty Eyink, Grace Acosta, Sandy Stock, Nicole Harman, Navina Forsythe, Teneil Hansen, Kalisi Uluave, Jill Gorringer, Clint Okerlund, Katie Christensen, Alison Holbrook, Callie Bjerregaard, James Barron, Jodi Aldous, Cassie SMith

Not in Attendance: Lisa Hansen, Jason Dyer

- I. Welcome
Called to order: 3:15pm by Tess Hortin
- II. Approval of September Minutes
Motion to approve: Grace Acosta
Seconded: Nicole Harman
Unanimous vote to approve
- III. SBO Update/Report
 - Sadie Hawkins Dance was on October 10th. The theme was Matching shirts and there was a great turnout.
 - We just finished our Freshman Student Govt elections. We switched it up this year and rather than students running for specific offices, all the candidates just run and their Student Gov office is based on the number of votes they receive. So the student with the most votes is the Student Gov President. It has not been decided if this new way of elections will continue next year.
 - Our Veterans Assembly is on November 11th. Students provide the names of veterans to honor, and we serve them breakfast and recognize them at the assembly. We are looking for ways to provide more specific recognition of the veterans.
 - Charity Month is coming up. The fundraising goal is to provide 400 new pairs of shoes to benefit students at Copper View Elementary. The opening assembly will be on October 29th. To participate, donate a new pair of shoes or money. SBO's also working with Alta Seminary on a sock drive. More information to come.

IV. PTSA Update

- Enrollment is at 267 with 65 Teachers/staff; 60 students; 134 parents; 8 community members.
- Day with a Legislator was on September 23rd, and it went very well. 3 representatives: Clint Okerlund, Tracy Miller and Mark Strong, and School Board Member Amanda Oaks participated and answered questions from Mr Murphy's, Mr Schilling's, Ms Strong's and Ms Graff's Government and History classes.
- The PTSA hosted dinner for PTC and took treats around to teachers as a Hospitality/ Teacher Appreciation. It was very well received.
- More teachers are reaching out to take advantage of Teacher Grants. Up to \$150 is available for field trips and supplies to enhance the learning environment of their classrooms that teachers otherwise would not have access to.
- Our No-Fuss Fundraiser is going on right now and we are at 75% of our projected goal. Today is the last day to donate. Gifts will be delivered in Advisory tomorrow.
- 12 Alta blankets remaining. Go to www.successfund.com/altaptsafundraiser/store to purchase yours.
- The Student Club currently has 60 students. The focus this year is to have the students plan and lead the Leadership training. Planning a service project with the NHS in November.
- Hawk Hero currently has enough Juniors and Seniors nominated, but looking for more Freshman and Soph nominations.
- Hawk Stash is going well. We will be doing a donation week in December to replenish necessities. Alta Football also did a donation fundraiser.
- Reflections: We purchased Lucy Denzer's art and have it framed and ready to display. Our new theme this year is "I Belong" and the deadline for entries is October 28th.

V. Counseling Corner

- PSAT is October 30 in the PAC.
- Starting Junior class PCCRs on Monday Nov 3
- FAFSA Night is October 29. FAFSA is required for the Opportunity scholarship. Opportunity scholarship is not needs based.
- Every school in the state has Utah Promise. If a student qualifies for a grant, then the state will cover the remainder of their tuition.
- Program by the U in the news lately, is if a student has a 3.5+ GPA and annual household income is less than \$100,000 net, full tuition is granted for 4 years. Students must maintain a minimum GPA and a full time schedule to remain qualified for the scholarship.
- The U is also offering the GPA only scholarships for 3.5+.
- SLCC is offering 2 semesters free tuition for students who have 2+ CE classes in high school and they maintain a grade of "C" or better in those classes.
- Jostens assembly October 21 during Advisory. Our graduation gown is changing. It will be all black with a silver cuff and silver hood with traditional "A" Alta Logo. Students will be keeping the gown this year too.
- Graduation will be at UVU on Wednesday, May 27 at 10am.

VI. Digital Citizenship

a. Handout provided by Amanda Siler [Alta High School 2025 - 2026 Digital Citizenship Plan](#)

- Plan addresses 2 components: Digital Safety and Digital Citizenship [CSD Internet Safety Page](#) and [CSD Responsible Use Guidelines](#)
- Safety: Content Keeper is our filter system that blocks students from accessing inappropriate material such as pornography, weapons/violence, gaming, social networks. It also flags key search terms (Suicide, weapons/threat of violence, pornography) and alerts parents, counselors and administrators when those terms are searched.
- Family Connections portal: [CSD Technology Connect Portal](#)
Parents can request further restrictions for their students on specific apps. Parents can also request students' chromebook history. As long as a student is using Canyons wifi, the student is subject to the filter and alert system when keywords are flagged .
- 7 Digital Citizenship Lessons [Alta High School Advisory Digital Citizenship Lessons Link](#) . Alta provides 7 lessons (1 per month) on Digital Citizenship. Teachers go through a 15 minute discussion during Advisory that is based on what students need currently. Lessons will be posted 1 week before being taught in Advisory. Ms Siler will also be sending digital citizenship lessons via email and Parent Square every month.
- Vote:
 - 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 Alta's educational efforts to instill in students a desire to be a good digital citizen?
 - Yes
 - Does the SCC believe the school has a viable plan to present important Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship information to families in the community?
 - Yes

VII. School Safety Plan

a. Safety priorities at Alta High.

- The #1 concern we see is easy access to the building. Doors are on a timer system and automatically lock during class time and unlock during passing time.
- We have some classrooms with exterior doors and the temptation is to prop those doors open. We are working to curb that, but additionally all exterior doors have surveillance cameras so none are unmonitored.
- Another concern is substance abuse in unmonitored areas ie) vaping in the bathroom.
- Key Safety Plan:
 - We have removed key access and replaced it with electronic badges.
 - Funnel patrons through the Main Office. Always unlocked for parents and students. Adults must check-in and get a Visitor sticker.
 - Biggest help is using our approved Trust land monies for 2 additional Hall Monitors. They are present and helpful in monitoring

incidents and they also have access to surveillance cameras and provide real-time feedback on situations and troubling trends.

- In our Action Plan we would love to continue to keep these 2 additional Hall Monitors funded. We will continue with exterior doors on a timer, and with badge access only on exterior doors, and we will continue to funnel patrons through the Main Office.

VIII. Other Items

- None

Motion to adjourn: Jill Gorringer

Seconded: Navina Forsythe

Unanimous vote to adjourn: 4:04pm

Next Meeting:

November 24th, 2025 / 3:15pm (Vote on Digital Citizenship and School Safety Plans)

Please have any additional agenda items to Tess Hortin by November 19th.