



Alta High School

SCC Minutes
January 26th, 2026
3:15pm - 3:57pm

Attending: Kalisi Uluave, Tess Hortin, Navina Forsythe, Callie Bjerregaard, Sandy Stock, Rachael Felsing, Matt Berrett, Monty Eyink, Teneil Hansen, James Barron, Jodi Aldous, Jason Dyer, Nicole Harman, Jill Gorringer, Katie Christensen

Not in attendance: Ken Rowley, Grace Acosta, Clint Okerlund, Lisa Hansen, Cassie Smith,

- I. Welcome
Called to order: 3:15 by Tess Hortin

- II. Approval of November Minutes
Motion to approve: Navina Forsythe
Seconded: James Barron
Unanimous vote to approve

- III. SBO Update/Report
 - We held our Freshman Orientation on January 22. We had a great turnout; all the club/organization tables were well attended and incoming freshmen seemed engaged.
 - Tonight, January 26, we have Alta Idol which showcases some of our Alta talent. The event is Free and begins at 6:30pm in our PAC.
 - Our Shoe Drive raised 450 pairs of shoes for students at Copperview Elementary. A Walmart associate offered to purchase the shoes for us which allowed us to purchase bags, gloves and hats. Socks got donated as well. Meeting the kids was such a great experience.
 - Last week was Multicultural week. On Thursday, we held an assembly showcasing much of the diversity and talent we have here at Alta. We also had our Multicultural Walk on Wednesday where we set up booths during both lunches that students could visit and learn about all the customs and traditions of other cultures.
 - Sweethearts Dance is coming up on February 7. The theme is 50's Diner.
 - The new semester has started. For many of us, this is our last semester of our high school career so we want to make it fun for our Seniors.

- IV. PTSA Update
 - Enrollment at 277 and the same as last year's.
 - On December 18th, we hosted a Christmas Cookie Party for all Teachers and Staff which was very well attended.

- Our Student Club is heading to the capitol on Feb 17th for the PTA Student Day at the Capitol.
- Hawk Hero awards were given out in December and January awards will be delivered tomorrow.
- We had overwhelming support for the Hawk Stash in December between the community and a couple church groups who donated as well. We are now fully stocked for the year. Several Alta families were able to benefit from those donations over the holidays.
- We loaded Carina Zapata's classroom with Hawk Stash supplies as well because students frequently take their Hawk Stash items to her room to use her microwave. In light of this, Mr Rowley approved 3 more microwaves to be placed in the cafeteria. Those should be coming soon.
- Alta Idol is tonight in the PAC.
- Battle of the Bands is on Wednesday, January 28th in the PAC. There was some confusion about the time, but it starts at 630pm. We have 6 bands and 3 solos/duos performing. Tickets are just \$6.
- For Reflections, we had 14 entries from Alta and just had the Region awards night on January 15th. 2 of our students took Awards of Excellence and are moving on to the state competition:
 - Heber Sharp for Film Production
 - Luzy Denzer for Photography
- We received a National PTA, Create with Kindness grant, to fund a night to teach students and parents ways to have a safer experience on social media platforms. The event will be on March 25th at 7pm in our library, and all teens and parents in the community are welcome to attend. The night will include a panel of teens who will answer questions and provide advice to their peers and the parents on social media safety. There will also be lots of food and fun prizes.

V. Counseling Corner

- SLCC just released a Certificate of Completion that works at every public college/university in Utah. The certificate allows students to graduate with all their general education requirements completed, and Alta is the only high school that offers at least 1 CE course within every category. The CE courses that work toward the certificate are only offered to Sophomores and above. Juniors and Seniors can retro-fit the CE classes. The link to the certificate requirements: <https://www.slcc.edu/CONCURRENTENROLLMENT/docs/counselor-resources/slcc-g-e-coc-info-sheet.pdf>
- Course Requests have started and the process is very important. The courses that students request now are what our teachers will be offering next year. Current Freshman just got course request cards, and we start their PCCRs next week. Current Juniors will get course request cards Feb 17th, and Sophomores will receive them on Feb 25th.

VI. Update on current plan (25-26 School Goals)

- a. Goal: To reduce the number of students identified as at risk on our EWS by 5% in the areas of Attendance, graduation rate, and academic achievement. We do this through a Multi-tiered Support System. Regular classroom instruction is Tier 1.
- b. Check & Connect is Tier 2. The number of students needing the additional support each year has been declining so it is working. We focus on students who truly need help, with the goal of transitioning them back to Tier 1 (Classroom instruction). If they need even more support, the student goes to Tier 3 (Hawk Watch).
- c. Hawk Watch: We have 89 students in Hawk Watch currently. Hawk Watch's goal is to

help students pass classes for 2 consecutive quarters and then transition back to Tier 2/ Tier 1. Mr. Rowley calls all those students who do not fail any classes to his office for a prize/ treat. If a student continues to struggle in Hawk Watch, however, they may need alternative school (Diamond Ridge/Entrada).

- We have funded 2.5 additional FTE for Tier 2 and Tier 3 support. Are there less kids who need help now? Will that funding need to continue? Better Tier 1 instruction has helped, but there will always be a need for intervention. The number of students in Hawk Watch will likely increase as seniors panic about graduation and freshmen are identified as needing the support. We won't need any additional FTE this year. Ms. Felsing would like an aide for Math at some point though. Perhaps a high performing student, but the challenge is in finding an interested student for every class period.

VII. Graduation 25-26

- a. UVU Events Center - Wednesday May 27th @ 10:00 am

VIII. Teacher of the Year Nominations

- a. Nomination window open through Friday, February 6, 2026
 - i. <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/teacher-of-the-year-nomination/>

IX. Other Items

- X. Move to Adjourn: Sandy Stock
Seconded: Jill Gorringer

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23rd, 2026 @ 3:15 pm