



Alta High School

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SCC Minutes September 21, 2026

In attendance: Ken Rowley, Melissa Lister, Matthew Berrett, Callie Bjerregaard, Rachael Felsing, Teneil Hansen, Sandy Stock, Alison Holbrook, Jill Gorringer, Monty Eyink, Cassie Smith

Not in attendance: Navina Forsythe, Grace Acosta, Clint Okerlund, Lisa Hansen, James Barron, Jason Dyer

I. Welcome

Called to order: 3:18

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve: Jill Gorringer

Seconded: Sandy Stock

Unanimous vote to approve

III. SBO Update/Report

- Homecoming week was a great success, beginning with "Meaningful Monday," which was planned to spread positivity around the school. Throughout the week, students were encouraged to participate in activities like matching outfits with friends and writing compliments to one another. The carnival and outdoor movie were both well attended. Additionally, Fox 13 News nominated Alta High School as the Cool School of the Week.
- The Utah Statewide Read-A-Thon will be Friday, October 2nd. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring their own books to read. Governor Cox would like the whole state to participate, including adults in the community.
- The Student Body Officers introduced a new initiative this year by hosting and preparing a welcome breakfast for all new and transfer students to help them transition and feel welcome at the school.
- Freshman elections will take place during the first week of October, adding six new members to the student body officers. Applications are due by September 30.

IV. SCC Purpose & Goals

- The School Community Council works together to support student success by identifying needs, developing the School Land Trust Plan, and providing input on school-specific issues.
- TrustLand funds are used to accomplish 2 school-wide goals: Teacher professional learning and reduce the number of at-risk or severely at-risk students per our early warning system by 5% in all areas of Attendance, Graduation Rates and Academic Achievement. SCC is how we determine how to best utilize Trust Lands money to achieve these goals.

V. SCC Expectations and Responsibilities

- As a reminder, we do not discuss School Personnel issues and any identifying information about students.
- We can talk about academic needs of school, school safety, school communications, digital citizenship, behavioral issues, etc.
- SCC requires a minimum membership of 6 parents and 5 school personnel, maintaining a balance where parent members always outnumber school employees by at least 2 individuals. All council members are responsible for consistent meeting attendance, thorough preparation, and active participation in all discussions and decision-making processes.
- We provide meaningful input, review and analyze school data, identify areas of need, develop a School Land Trust Plan, and receive community input and make recommendations.

VI. Voting in of New Members

- No new members

VII. Election of SCC Co-Chair

Teneil Hansen nominated by Sandy Stock

Seconded by: Cassie Smith

Unanimous Vote to approve

VIII. PTSA Update

- Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging families and communities to advocate for all children. At the high school level, this mission is supported through programs like Reflections, Battle of the Bands, and Hawk Heroes. Additionally, a dedicated student club provides hands-on leadership and service opportunities, helping students develop essential skills while giving back to their community.
- The PTSA kicked off the school year by hosting a faculty lunch and organizing picture day volunteers. The student club successfully recruited more members, had their first monthly activity, and participated in the Homecoming parade.
- The Teen Center has transitioned into a larger, more functional space as an updated version of the Hawk Stash. Donations are needed, especially

teen-specific, quick-preparation food items. Information for the Teen Center is sent out via ParentSquare.

- Upcoming events: Hawk Hero awards, legislators teach in history classes, Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night on October 5th, and Reflections on October 30th.

IX. Counseling Corner

- PCCR attendance was lower than in previous years due to communication overlap. A high volume of simultaneous parent notifications caused PCCR invites to be lost in communication channels. To improve outreach, future strategies should prioritize postcards over email invitations.
- The PSAT is scheduled for October 27th. It is highly recommended as practice for the ACT and gives 10th and 11th graders the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Space is limited to 120 students. Students can register until the cap is reached.
- College Application Week is coming up. Counselors will help students with their college applications during English classes on October 7th and 8th.
- The transition to Qmlativ has caused errors that prevent certain graduation requirements from appearing on student transcripts, particularly online classes taken through Canyons Virtual Academy. To resolve this, affected students should contact their counselor, who can manually locate and add the missing credits to their records.

X. Other Items

- Overall feedback for the weekly newsletter was positive, especially the new format, but parents find it hard to read and navigate in ParentSquare. Suggestions were made to use larger text and add a QR code to easily access all links in one central place.

Motion to Adjourn: Racheal Felsing at 4:15pm

Seconded: Teneil Hansen

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 19th, 2026