

Minutes (Approved)
West High School Community Council
September 11, 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Katherine Stroud, Ford White, Steve Asay, Karl Vizmeg, Laura Hernandez, Jennifer Johnston, Hillary Carrier, Suzanne Attix, Julie Lewis, Lisa Speight, Katherine Kennedy, Pam Pedersen, Kenwyn Derby, Sheri Hutten, Ami Burton

A. What is the SCC? Who? What? How? Where? When? Why?

THE SCC DOES:

- School Improvement Plan
- Determines how Land Trust Money is spent
- Digital Citizenship
- Emergency Preparedness Plan (*let's get information on the West High web site)
In an emergency, where do we find our children? (October mtg.)
- Oversee the District Wellness Policy
- Approve overnight trips, fundraisers, and activities
- Address issues from parents
- Address principal's issues
- Address dress code in the spring. Under the umbrella of "disrupting the learning environment", this also includes things like hats, cell phones, etc.

The SCC meets once a month in the Library, generally on the 2nd Monday of the month, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Voting Member: anybody who can come to the majority of meetings. Half of our voting members must be present. Two more parents than faculty.

Two new parents and two new faculty were voted into the SCC.

B. Ground rules

Meetings are run with civilized conversation, input encouraged. Strive for consensus.

C. Objectives

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes

B. Fundraisers and Trips – Mock Trial Team – twelve students being sent. All sponsorships already in place. Approved

III. Reports

A. Principal

ACT report is back. Want to look at how to improve numbers for college and career readiness. Can imbed into the School Improvement Plan.

Budgets: all in the positive. Drill team and Cheer were hit hard with fee-waiver students, so those groups were challenging to fund.

Attendance: Students are showing up late. SIC is addressing tardy systems. Will look at absenteeism. The information on Power School is not accurate for making phone calls.

Looking at other schools and their size – West is not equitable with staff (ie treasurer, secretaries) – we are really low in comparison.

- B. SIC
Teachers are all trying to get on the same track.
- C. School Land Trust reports
Katherine is requesting to see reports monthly for Trust Lands money being spent. Then, if money isn't being spent, the SCC can reallocate it.
- D. Others as needed - 5 minutes each maximum (PTSA, Educational Equity, etc.)
Development: November 16 – fundraising event to create an endowment to support all students of West. Rail Event Center. Clay Christiansen Key Note Speaker (West alum 1970). Working on getting big sponsors to help support and kick off the event. Goal is to have a big endowment, and to have money that can be earned by clubs (so groups don't need to beg for money).

ELP/IB: Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Rally Me fundraiser at Wasatch – ELP/IB may use this resource to raise funds online.

IV. Information Items - 5 minutes each maximum (plus Q&A if necessary)

V. Discussion Items

- A. Back-to-School Night
There was a lot of confusion about the start-time. Back-to-School Night is an attempt to reach out to the community. Maybe 9th grade orientation can be moved to the spring, so parents and students can be together to get oriented. Maybe do a 9th grade and a new-student orientation instead?

Teachers need to understand what parents want from this event.

- B. SCC Aspirations
Timeline was reviewed for this year

Review our goals mid-year. SCC spends a lot of time developing the goals- we should be sure to check in to see if we are meeting these goals.

VI. Action Items

- A. Appoint new members (appointed)
- B. Approve meeting dates (approved)

VII. Next Meeting: October 9, 2017 5:30

Assignments:

**Pam: Review and update School Emergency Plan
Digital technology and citizenship**