

**West High School Community Council minutes (approved)**

**May 10, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

**Zoom meeting**

**<https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/96614020381>**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**In Attendance:** Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Jennifer Barrett, Ami Burton, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Valerie Gates, Laura Hernandez, Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Joshua Pelton (co-chair), Nidia Pollock, Bernard Price, Holly Reynolds, Emily Stromness, Jared Wright, Ron Zamir

**Student and Ad Hoc members:** Katherine Kennedy (SLCSB)

**Guests:** Lisa Speight, Kate Arch

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes**—Motion to approve, no amendments. Passes unanimously.

**B. Fundraisers and Trips (Holly)**—Two fundraisers seeking approval:

- Girls Soccer invitational tournament at West; goal to raise \$2,000 for equipment;
- Oestanas drill team, using district-approved fundraising platform in May and June; goal of \$20,000 for competition fees and gear.

Both approved unanimously.

**III. Information Items—None**

**IV. Discussion Items**

**A. C day / Dynamic Wednesday update (Jared):** Plans are proceeding, with support from SIC. Under the draft school-year calendar, there would be 17 C-Days rather than 27 to meet instructional time requirements. Jared is working with district administrators and is confident about getting the plan through. West has been able to work through issues with East and Highland. If the plan continues to progress, Jared will be seeking input on how best to communicate to parents and students.

B. **Data and Metrics (Ron):** Seeking to expand metrics for the new PXP models. Current measures include the graduation rate, holding steady around 85 percent, attendance, rates of students taking AP and IB tests, and CTE career education track trends. What should we be measuring? And how to adjust parameters for the disruptions in the past school year? How can we target PXP to different school populations? Ron and Jen will continue looking at data next year.

C. **Officers / Assignments for next year (Katherine):** Councilmembers praised and thanked Katherine for her years of chair service. Action delayed, giving interested parents a chance to learn more about the position.

D. **Tentative 2021 / 2022 planning:** (Katherine) What are the top needs for SCC focus? From Josh: SEL (social, emotional, learning); intervention; and attendance. Discussion about keeping Zoom format for at least some SCC meetings next year. Continued focus on data, with new ad hoc committee comprised of Michael, Ron, and Jen. Question about the scope of SCC, if there's more the group can do and contribute. Will review shared governance policies. Question about recruiting, ideas kicked around for representation at back-to-school night proposed in late August. Watch for emails over the summer.

## **V. Reports**

**IB/ELP (Ron):** None

**PTA (Suzanne):** Helping sponsor senior prom. Huge thanks from Jared for Teacher Appreciation Week.

**School Board (Katherine Kennedy):** Board again confirmed late-start. In response to past questions about meeting protocols, Katherine provided information about SLCSB responsibilities to explain and clarify why she engages in SCC discussions. She will seek answers to questions about the training needed for the new SCC chair.

**Equity and Access (Ami):** Outlined a new student scholarship award that includes funds for professional development to reach underrepresented students at West.

**SIC (Holly):** Reiterated support for the C-Day plan. Discussion about how much time will be needed to measure and analyze the plan.

**Principal (Jared):** Update on hiring, including new social studies teacher, half-time reading specialist, and wrestling coach. More hiring in the works. Credit recovery is in full force and expanding. Counselors and faculty are making a

massive effort to make sure as many students as possible can graduate. There are 261 students in the new district credit recovery program on Canvas; 102 credits made up in the last four weeks; 405 students registered in packet recovery program; about three dozen involved in Shmoop; after-school tutoring sessions are over-run. Professional development underway to expand AP and IB capacity. About 1,000 students out of 2,700 enrolled are coming in person every day; some Fridays as low 400-500. Most on canvas and actively participate is 2,097. Getting ready for summer school and graduation ceremonies.

VI. Action Items

A. Elect Chair, Co-chair, Chair-elect: Postponed

VIII. Upcoming Events

May 15: Sr. Prom

June 4: Graduation

May 31: No School

June 7: Last day of Classes

IX. Next Meeting: September 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Tentatively IN PERSON at the West High Media Center (Library)