

West High School Community Council minutes (approved)

September 13, 2021 5:30pm

>>>In person at the West High Library<<<

>Masks required<

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I. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Shane Brogan, Ami Burton, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Jessica Esparza, Valerie Gates, Robert Guido, Laura Hernandez, Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Bernard Price, Holly Reynolds, Emily Stromness, Jared Wright

Student and Ad Hoc members: Katherine Kennedy (SLCSB)

Guests: Andrea Atencio-Valdez, Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost, Gayle Dawes, Penny Graven, Matt Haber, Annalee Monson, Elisse Newey, Alexandra Rocco, Lisa Speight

II. Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes:** The vote is unanimous to approve.

B. **Fundraisers and Trips** (Holly) – SIC recently approved these three fundraisers:

- Black Student Union carwash, planned for a Saturday in October with the East High Black Student Union to raise money for graduation stoles. Projecting \$300 in proceeds.
- Cheer team: Mini-Cheer Camp, September 22-24, 5-6:30 p.m., with 3- to 14-year-olds. Camp participants will perform at an upcoming halftime. The cost is \$35 for participating students, with a projected profit of \$6,400 to support team costs and functions.
- Cheer team: Chick-fil-A Night, September 28, at the City Creek store, 5-8 p.m. West will receive 20 percent of sales during the event from anyone who mentions West when making their order. Goal of \$3,000, supporting team costs and functions.

Motion to approve and promote all three: Unanimous vote.

III. Information Items

A. **SCC meeting overview** (Katherine) – Reviewed agenda and meeting structure for potential new parent members.

IV. Discussion Items

A. **Official positions:** Katherine voted to serve another year as president; Bernard as chair-elect. Katherine appoints Ami to serve as co-chair and Anna to continue as secretary.

B. **SCC training:** Postponed until October, when new parent members are seated.

C. **Anti-vaping PBIS plan (Robert):** House Bill 58 recently passed in response to rising vaping rates among young people. It has three parts:

- It establishes clear policies for vaping, requiring school boards to prohibit vaping on school grounds and allowing schools to confiscate and destroy vape pens or e-cigarettes.
- The bill adds information about the effects of vaping to school health curriculums.
- The bill requires high schools to educate about the risks of vaping products in a prevention program and create a plan to address the causes of student use of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes, and controlled substances.

In response, West has initiated the following steps:

- Confiscating and destroying seized paraphernalia, such as e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and other products.
- Adding effects of vaping to school health curriculum.
- Educating about the risks of vaping projects through PXP, clubs, advertising, classroom instruction, public service projects, student government and leadership, and other outlets. Students must be involved; it can't only be adults sending the message.
- Professional development includes a harm reduction-type model and de-escalation training.

Discussion includes questions about increasing enforcement in areas identified as high-vaping areas, reviewing bathroom layouts, and expanding parental and community education/collaborations.

D. **LAND Trust review (current year)** (Katherine): Summary of LAND Trust Proposal 2021 / 2022

PXP – Received late notice that proposed C Day model changes would not be approved—now working to engage other high schools and develop C Day model classes and grade-level advisory. Currently running 19 sections of PXP. \$190,000

College Access Programming \$54,000
(corresponds to AVID in previous years)

West High Equity \$28,000

(corresponds to LIA in previous years)

Targeted School Interventions	\$18,000
Credit Recovery	\$44,000
Reading (corresponds to ELL in previous years)	\$45,000
Total	\$379,000

Meeting dates will be set to receive progress reports on all of the goal programs.

E. **State of the School** (Jared): Highlights:

- Enrollment at 2,734; funded at 2,809. Will seek to keep that enrollment cap. Expecting several dozen students from Afghanistan in the coming weeks.
- Sixteen national merit scholarship finalists.
- Made the transition to grade-level support teams, with a more focused view on graduation and other measures of student success.
- Held grade-level assemblies at the beginning of the year to address differing class needs.
- Successful summer school program—recovered more than 800 quarter credits, making a significant dent in the credit deficiency.
- A social worker is now assigned to West, sharing with two elementary schools. We get her three days a week.
- Added five sections of reading classes; 800-plus students are below grade level, about 90 are well below.
- Professional development focus is on academic language and literacy.
- IB numbers are 126 in 11th grade but down to 85 in 12th grade. Last year was tough on IB retention.
- Expanding integrated learning for students with disabilities. Section 1 and 2 math are being co-taught, and language arts. Both teachers help all students, so disabled students are not singled out. Data is very compelling about the benefits of integrated learning.

COVID Update: Numbers are relatively low comparatively, and contact tracing from the district is extremely helpful. Mask-wearing compliance has been very high. Other measures include replacing air filters more frequently, increasing fan use, and adding hand-sanitizing stations at entry-ways. The health department is very responsive to testing requests. Plans are underway for a vaccine clinic in mid-October. Motion is

made for SCC to send a letter to the Salt Lake City Council in support of extending the mayor's school masking mandate. The vote to approve the letter is unanimous.

Late-Start Update: Many students are arriving early at school. Breakfast is available in the cafeteria with plenty of adult supervision; other efforts are being made to accommodate the students before doors officially open at 8:20 p.m. Because of shorter travel times in the newly realigned league, most student-athletes are not missing class to get to games. Working to streamline excused absences for student-athletes when needed.

F. **Discuss Priorities for 2021/22** (Katherine): COVID protocols and safety; going forward with C-Day path; keeping an eye on reading needs.

G. SCC details

1. **Rules of Order and Procedure**: Review and vote later, after new members are seated. SCC modified the rules last year to allow more parents on the committee.
2. **Meeting dates**: September 13, 2021; October 11, 2021; November 8, 2021; December 13, 2021; January 10, 2022; February 14, 2022; March 14, 2022; April 11, 2022; May 9, 2022.

Most likely will offer Zoom/hybrid meeting option throughout the year. Motion to approve, unanimous vote.

A. **Q&A:** Discussion includes questions about the role of PTA compared to SCC; the need for more Spanish-speaking translators and counselors who understand the culture and how to manage family situations; and increasing awareness and support for IB and ELP recruitment at feeder schools.

VI. Reports

- A. **LAND Trust funds update:** Covered earlier.
- B. **IB/ELP:** No report.
- C. **PTA** (Suzanne): Update on new chair, meeting times (first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom), and shifting fundraising priorities.
- D. **Equity and Access** (Ami): Credit recovery continues to be a big focus.
- E. **SIC** (Holly): Announcements being made in English and Spanish. Added a special ed representative to SIC as a voting member. Will move parent-teacher conferences to Zoom, with in-person appointments as needed.
- F. **Principal:** Covered earlier.

VI. Action Items

- A. Recorded election of Chair / Chair-Elect / Co-Chair

B. Seated new Council members: Motion made and approved unanimously to seat three new parent members: Penny Graven, Analee Monson, and Lisa Speight. Katherine will check back with other potential members who had to leave the meeting early.

C. Approve Rules of Order and Procedure: Action continued to the next meeting.

D. Approved Meeting Dates

VII. **Assignments:** Review Rules of Order and Procedure for a vote next month.

VIII. Upcoming Events

9/23 P/T Conferences

9/24 Non-student day

10/5 Asynchronous day

10/14-15 Fall Break

IX. **Next Meeting:** October 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Will monitor COVID situation, although several comments in support of meeting on Zoom only.