

West High School Community Council minutes (approved)

November 8, 2021 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Katherine Stroud (Chair), Bernard Price (Chair-Elect), Anna Cekola (Secretary), Kate Arch, Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Jennifer Barrett, Shane Brogan, Suyin Chong, Valerie Gates, Penny Graven, Robert Guido, Laura Hernandez, Somer Julio, Julie Lewis, Annalee Monson, Holly Reynolds, Alexandra Rocco, Lisa Speight, Jared Wright, Ron Zamir.

Absent: Ami Burton, Sela Botchway, Jessica Esparza, Emily Stromness.

Excused: Michael Hughes, Katherine Kennedy

Guests: Ellery Jones, Bryce Williams, William Butler

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Moved and Approved

B. Fundraisers and Trips; New Classes; Trips

- West High Cheer: Snap! Raise; \$8,000 goal for uniforms, competition fees, senior night, and equipment. It will start on December 8 and run for a month.
- Health Occupational Sciences Association (HOSA) fundraisers: Chik-fil-A night; \$4,000 goal for conference costs. California Pizza Kitchen night; \$4,000 goal for the same needs. Also selling winter grams, bags of candy, and gifts before the holiday break; \$750 goal.
- Boys Lacrosse: Selling oranges in December, with delivery in early January; \$8,000 goal for equipment and uniforms.
- Boys basketball: Snap! Raise; \$14,420 goal for uniforms, new equipment, banquet, camp, spring league costs.
- Drill Team: Banquet and silent auction; \$3,000 goal for costumes, props, choreography, music, and competition fees.

- ELP IB Steering Committee: Letter-writing campaign to donors, alumni, and businesses to build an endowment through the Salt Lake Education Foundation; \$300,000 goal to cover testing fees for students. The committee started the endowment about three years ago and has raised about \$60,000 so far.
- Charitable Fundraiser for Family Resource Center.

Motion to approve all fundraisers passed unanimously.

New Courses

- Music Appreciation, performance arts—The first step toward upper-division, concurrent enrollment (CE), and AP course offerings. Designed for students who need fine arts credit for graduation but don't want a performance element.
- Intro to Music 1010 – art credit elective; CE.
- Computer science; CE for 1400 and 1410 courses.

Discussion about the CE program, how it works, and the SIC and District review process for new classes.

Motion to approve all four approved unanimously.

School Trips

- Music Program Group for Choir and Band; Cedar City; three nights; about 50 students in grades 9-12; during spring break; workshops and performances in front of experts; bus travel, with chaperones.
- Drama Club and Theatre Class; annual conference, Cedar City; January 20-22 (two days of missed school); bus travel, with chaperones.

Motion to approve both approved unanimously.

III. Information Items

A. **Scam emails** (Katherine): Beware of scam emails that continue to be sent to SCC members and school employees. Some even appear to come from Principal Wright, but do not have a district email address. Please note that you will never be asked to donate money or gift cards through an email. If you doubt an email's authenticity, please call the school or SCC Chairs directly!

B. **Superintendent's Listening and Learning Tour** (Katherine): SCC members are encouraged to make one of the upcoming sessions; dates and times on the district website.

IV. Discussion Items

A. **SCC Training**: Katherine will email the training video link to members to watch on their own before the next meeting.

B. **Safe Technology Use and Digital Citizenship** (Jared): Review required by statute. See attachment: [Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship 2021.docx](#) Discussion includes questions about consequences, how to report violations and increase school community and parental education.

C. LAND Trust Goal Review

1. Goal #1 Increase graduation rate through a focus on Freshman (PXP). The program will be undergoing a major rehaul; details and LANDTrust funding requests are to come.

2. Goal #4 Targeted School Intervention for Multilingual Learners. Discussion includes a question about how the school places students into MLL classes.

See attached presentation: [Goal #1 \(PXP\) and Goal #4 \(TSI\).pdf](#)

D. **Update from Chair** (Katherine) – New rule may require seating the council in the spring rather than fall. More information is needed, and there may be some flexibility in the rule. SCC consensus to continue seating parents in the fall, but maybe elect faculty members in the spring?

V. Reports

A. **IB/ELP** (Ron): Subcommittee determining scholarships and fundraising priorities.

B. **PTA** (Suzanne): Restaurant fundraising night November 18 at Panda Express at The Gateway; 4-8 p.m.; 20-30 percent of proceeds will support covering college testing fees.

- C. **Equity and Access:** No report
- D. **SIC** (Holly): Reauthorized equity committee; will be surveying stakeholders about issues to be proactive instead of reactive in addressing issues.
- E. **Principal** (Jared):
 - 1. Students are doing amazing things in the first quarter, including strong performances for members of FBLA and the U.S. Senate Youth Program; more details at <https://west.slcschools.org>. All athletic teams made it to regional competitions.
 - 2. Construction should be completed soon in front of the school. Work on the 300 North pedestrian bridge is making quick progress.
 - 3. Opportunity for the Community to ask questions and bring forth concerns: Request for a report on homeless camps near campus and other security concerns. Question about status of West rebuild plan. SCC will write a letter to the school board seeking action to get the process formally started.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Nov 15-23: Food Drive
Nov 17: Early Release Day
Nov 24-26: Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1: Early Release Day
Dec 7: Asynchronous Day
Dec 20-31: Winter Break

IX. Next Meeting: December 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn