

West High School Community Council Minutes (approved)
November 9, 2020 5:30pm-7:00pm
Zoom meeting
<https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/96614020381>

I. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Jennifer Barrett, Sela Botchway, Shane Brogan, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Jessica Esparza, Laura Hernandez, Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Bernard Price, Nidia Pollock, Emily Stromness, Rachel Vaenuku, Jared Wright, Ron Zamir

Student and Ad Hoc members: Juliann Cruz, Katherine Kennedy (SLCSB)

Guests: Robert Guido, Kenwyn Derby, Michelle Tuitupou (SLCSB), Joel-Lehi Organista (SLCSB), Bernard Price, Jon Fink, Greg Forbush (counselor), Lisa Speight

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Moved and Approved

B. Fundraisers and Trips – n/a

III. Information Items – n/a

IV. Discussion Items

A. Parent/Teacher Conference Feedback-Holly Reynolds requested feedback on the digital feedback. SCC parents who attended liked it and found it very convenient, especially not having to stand in long lines. The timing did not match our current timeline: conferences were held one week before the end of term. **SCC roadmap (Katherine):** Shared [SCC General Timeline](#), a road map of the rest of the year. Remember that it is a work in progress and does not encompass everything we will do as a council.

B. Training (Michael): Highly recommends [SCC 101](#). Particularly liked the emphasis on making data-driven funding decisions. The data has to show there is a need, and it has to be measurable in how we spend the money. At Katherine's suggestion, Michael agrees to work as a parent liaison with Jared to gather data for SCC needs.

V. Reports

A. Late Start (Katherine): Nothing new to report

B. High School Improvement (Julie): Discussions just beginning.

C. Community Outreach (Suyin and Sela): Will form an ad hoc committee chaired by an SCC member, but you don't have to be an SCC member to join the committee. Principal Wright will connect them with a faculty member to advise. Committee will report back monthly.

D. **IB (Ron):** Members of the steering committee eager to volunteer as needed. The steering committee also is collecting data about issues of equity and equality in the makeup of AP and IB. What can the steering committee do to help break down barriers? Discussion about how teachers and counselors dealing with student stress about course load.

E. **PTSA (Suzanne):** Instead of teacher appreciation week, PTSA might spread out activities this year. The PTSA sold the rest of the West masks leftover from graduation last year. The group is discussing new fundraisers.

F. **School Board (Katherine Kennedy):** Long discussion at last board meeting about a proposal for in-person learning for pre-k through second or third grades. Consensus, need more information. Surveys still show strong support for the current plan, given current COVID numbers. Commends the Diversify Our Narrative SLCSd, a student-led initiative that encourages SLCSd's school board to expand their curriculum with diverse and anti-racist texts.

G. **Principal (Jared):**

1. Report: Update on retirements and promotions. With the changes, the school will be hiring an assistant principal, with half time dedicated to the credit recovery program. The current Land Trust plan allocated \$40,000 to credit recovery. The SCC approves the use of the funds toward the position. Working with students at risk of graduating is a top priority. If we do not graduate students, we have failed.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Nov.10: Term 2 begins (B days)

Nov. 26,27: Thanksgiving Recess

December 2: PTSA meeting

IX. Next Meeting: December 14, 2020, 5:30 p.m.