

Minutes (approved)
West High School Community Council
September 10, 2018 5:30pm-7:30pm
West High Media Center

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Katherine Stroud, Ford White, Karl Vizmeg, Jennifer Johnston, Laura Hernandez, Ami Burton, Suzanne Attix, Julie Lewis, Sherri Hutten, Kenwyn Derby, Linda Lesue **Guests:** Jake Garrett, Katherine Kennedy, Trish Coughlin, Lisa Speight, Karly Nielsen, Janet Barnette, Emily Stromness, Anna Cekola, Rosemary Emery

Consent Agenda: Minutes were approved via email in May.

II. Fundraisers and Trips: Anti-suicide prevention program (Hope Squad) is bringing in a food truck to raise money. September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. MUN wants to use the Vivint Arena to raise money. MUN fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen Sept. 1 – 30, mention West High. No new trips announced, but some pre-approved events have had some dates adjusted. During the summer, a pre-approved Mock Trial event moved from New York to San Francisco. Materials had to be purchased in the summer for preparation. Moved and Approved for all.

III. Reports

A. Principal:

External Communication Plan: Method, purpose, and frequency. There will be a re-draft of the WHS web site, and SCC can make suggestions. Katherine Stroud: Please include all events, like P/T Conferences, Back to School Night, etc. Web site needs to streamline communications and information. The new web site westelp.org, created specifically for ELPers, has been launched. Need to advertise to parents on the West web site that they can sign up with their own account on Power School.

School-wide Goals: Department chairs were asked to get together to develop achievement goals that can be used for SCC priorities. Included are climate, culture, and how to close the achievement gap. Ford created from the language of the SCC 3-year priorities to create a framework. The school-wide goals are being implemented within the departments.

(EEP) Equity and Excellence Plan: West is moving from having an IB program, to becoming an “IB” school. Trying to raise the bar for ALL students. This does NOT mean that all students are required to take IB classes. Language needs to be very specific to communicate this goal.

Professional Development Plan (Linda): 2 PDs per quarter during late start time, supporting inquiry and reflective practices. Trying to align all the teachers with the IB model. Over 80% of faculty signed on to this E2 initiative. What is the change? Moved meetings from complaints to looking at data, analyzing and making improvements.

TDC (Teacher Driven Change): Can we stand by our students to do/try hard things? Need to make sure the language that is used does not miscommunicate. Focus is on teaching and learning, using the attributes that are in IB.

ASPIRE: computer based program ACT based for grades 9 and 10 to help them with preparedness. It is a diagnostic tool that helps give projections of the strengths and

weaknesses of students. It's kind of the ACT's answer to the PSAT. **RISE** test is for 7th and 8th graders. Wanted to reduce 7th grade and 9th grade class sizes. There are issues with supply and demand with courses. (high demand for world languages, but then class sizes can't go down). Core: math, science, LA, social studies. World Languages is next layer. Elective courses next. Do we cut back on things like art classes in order to reduce class sizes? Some classes are at 41 students.

Schedules: Students will hopefully get their schedule for the 2019/20 year in May.

of students at West: 2786. 22% habitual truancy (18 days of absences or more)

B. Other

Development: Utah's Partner's in Education. There is close to \$300,000. But it could take another 2 months to collect the money. Randy Shumway seems to have seized control over everything. There are six representatives from the school, as well as community leaders on the board that determines who will receive funds. During the fundraiser, it was clearly stated that **all** money raised would go to West High, but now Randy is saying that excess funds could go to other schools in the neighborhood. Randy is coming to the next faculty meeting to discuss. Ford has proposals ready to go to ensure that no money is left on the table. SCC had many complaints about the lack of transparency with this organization, where the money is going, and lack of trust. It was mentioned that there wasn't a lot of parent support to set it up, but that was contested in the meeting.

Educational Equity: Counseling team need to get parents to do their survey. In the future, they are trying to get the survey to happen as part of registration, so that a broader group is surveyed. Looking at concurrent classes getting weighted. A wellness newsletter is coming out on Facebook and the website.

IV. Action Items

New members (Trish Coughlin, Karly Nielsen, Emily Stromness, Anna Cekola) were appointed.

Ami Burton was appointed as Co-Chair.

Meeting dates were approved.

V. Information Items:

none

VI. Discussion Items

SCC topics to explore:

Communication

Fundraiser / Gala

Class offerings

VII. Next Meeting: October 8, 2018 5:30 p.m.

(Lisa Speight signed up to bring snacks. Thank you!)