

West High School Community Council minutes (approved)

December 14, 2020

I. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Jennifer Barrett, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Jessica Esparza, Laura Hernandez, Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Lisa Madsen, Joshua Pelton, Bernard Price, Nidia Pollock, Holly Reynolds, Emily Stromness, Annabelle Valencia, Jared Wright, Ron Zamir, Valerie Gates

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

Guests: Tina Franco, Joel-Lehi Organista (SLCSB), Lisa Speight

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously
- b. Fundraisers and Trips: None

III. Information Items—None

IV. Discussion Items

A. **Spring semester (Jared):** Changes coming, including a proposal to reduce the length of synchronous classes from 85 minutes to 60 minutes. This would open afternoons for small in-person and targeted groups with students. It also opens time for in-person assessments, which will still be required. Teachers are open to the idea; initial student reaction is positive. Will bring up a suggestion for longer breaks.

B. **Data Review & TSSP preliminary discussion (Jared):** There is not much data currently on student performance, and what information exists is from small samples and concerning. Will gather what data is available for the next meeting to begin the discussion of guiding a teacher-student success plan (TSSP) and SCC Land Trust funding decisions.

C. **Review Fee Schedule**: No significant changes in the district schedule. Katherine Kennedy believes it's a fair fee schedule, and West should not be disproportionately affected because it has a high number of students eligible for fee waivers. Motion to approve schedule passes unanimously.

A. **Reports**

B. **Late Start (Katherine Stroud)**: Anticipates late-start schedules in Fall 2021. Several proposals under consideration, including 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. start times for high schools. Concerns expressed about a proposal that would allow for an optional early period.

C. **High School Improvement**: No report

D. **Community Outreach**: No report

E. **IB (Ron)**: Steering committee recently received a test and fee fundraising update. Committee members have also been discussing equity and how they can expand diversity for IB. Jared reports that an email just went out notifying parents and students that IB assessments have been canceled this year. Will do independent evaluations instead.

F. **PTA (Suzanne)**: Have been holding conversations about ways to raise funds to help pay AP exam fees for students in need who don't qualify for waivers.

G. **School Board**: Joel-Lehi is very united with Katherine Kennedy to represent West. Katherine gives updates on the need to start preparing a timeline to rebuild West High and the district plan to resume in-person instruction in January for elementary students. There is also a discussion about what kind of input the SCC will have in the superintendent search. A survey now underway closes in January.

H. **Equity and Access**: No report

I. **SIC (Holly)**: SCC has been heavily involved in the schedule switch proposals previously discussed.

J. **Principal (Jared)**:

- West will be part of Region 2 under UHSSA reclassification up for final approval on December 17. This shift cuts travel time to games from 28 to 13 minutes on average. The shorter travel times will help with converting to a late-start schedule. The furthest school is 13 miles away, compared with 35 miles in the previous region.
- ADL Needs Assessment will be emailed to parents the first week in January.
- The assessment schedule is complex and daunting, as far as space and physical distancing. More than 3,200 tests will be given.
- Moving forward for a half-time position to focus on credit recovery for struggling students. Paraprofessionals are making calls, trying to make connections with students, working with teachers and counselors.
- The focus for instructional improvement is on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and what teachers are doing for their own SEL health—and where we can support each other.

1. Opportunity for the Community to ask questions and bring forth concerns- None

VIII. Next Meeting: January 11, 2021 5:30 p.m.

IX. Motion to adjourn.