

West High School Community Council Minutes (draft)

March 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting

<https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/96614020381>

I. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Katherine Stroud (chair), Suzanne Attix, Phillip Baker, Jennifer Barrett, Shane Brogan, Ami Burton, Anna Cekola, Suyin Chong, Valerie Gates, Laura Hernandez, Michael Hughes, Julie Lewis, Joshua Pelton (co-chair), Nidia Pollock, Bernard Price, Holly Reynolds, Emily Stromness, Jared Wright

Student and Ad Hoc members: Katherine Kennedy (SLCSB)

Guests: Jonathan Fink, Kristie Goddard, Joel Lehi Organista (SLCSB), Sarah Thomas, Josie Wankier

II. Consent Agenda

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved unanimously
- B. **Fundraisers and Trips:** None

III. Information Items - None

IV. Discussion Items

- A. **ADL Needs Assessment Data review (Jared):** Survey results are being compiled for a future presentation.
- B. **Credit Recovery (Sarah Thomas):** Expanded offerings include a new district program that has enrolled many West students. Counselors are also adding supervised student courses and beginning to build summer programs. Expanded options will help students with whatever works best for them. Anything accessible through West is free. We don't want cost to be a barrier for kids graduating high school.
- C. **LAND Trust draft proposal (Jared):** Six goals outlined for an anticipated \$379,225 in LAND Trust funds.
 - **Goal 1:** Continue and Improve Panther Excellence Program (PXP)—\$190,000
 - **Goal 2:** College Access Programming, including AVID program—\$54,000
 - **Goal 3:** West High Equity, including Latinos in Action Course; Ethnic Studies Course; West High Equity Committee—\$28,000

- **Goal 4:** Targeted School Intervention (TSI)-USB E Designation, professional development supplementation—\$18,000
- **Goal 5:** Credit Recovery Expansion—\$44,000
- **Goal 6:** Reading Intervention, including 0.50 contribution for new reading teacher position—\$45,000

Discussion centered on the PXP program and use of FTEs, and the need for measurable data. Deadline extended for LAND Trust planning. More presentations to come.

D. **Overnight and Extended Trips:** List presented at last meeting, questions addressed regarding overseas trips. Approved unanimously.

V. Reports

- Late Start (Katherine):** Awaiting district board action
- Community Outreach:** No report
- IB/ELP:** No report
- PTA (Suzanne):** Mod Pizza fundraiser is Thursday. Proceeds will cover AP exams and teacher appreciation. 20% of sales is quite generous.
- School Board:** Joel-Lehi: Finalized and announced superintendent. Dr. Gadson will attend our next SCC meeting to introduce himself. The district will be putting together a new strategic plan. Town halls expected.
- Equity and Access (Ami):** Recently finished nine-week ACT prep courses, with 124 juniors participating. Still have availability for struggling students with social workers.
- SIC: (Holly)** Support for PXP and other goals.
- Principal (Jared):**
 - Creating summer programming, calling it 5th and 6th term, and developing a term schedule and user-friendly guide of course offerings, such as credit recovery. Plans are coming soon.
 - Going to four days a week on March 22. Even with the potential of doubling the number of students each day, the school still feels comfortable with safety protocols for class exchanges and lunchrooms. There is no need to choose a remote or in-person format. If students want to come in person, they can anytime. Only ask that students on campus are in class.

- Staffing report. West lost only a fraction of FTE because of pandemic-related enrollment changes.
- Starting to make graduation plans, looking at large venues possibly run in-person ceremonies, with a broadcast component.
- Testing continues between now and Memorial Day. From ACT for juniors, going right into ASPIRE, RISE, and AP testing.
- Other funds allocated for next year: CARES (\$279,000), Teacher & Student Success (\$362,784), and School Improvement (\$373,032) funds.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Wed. 3/17 ACT

Thurs. 3/18 MOD Pizza fundraiser

3/29 - 4/2 Spring Break

Mon. 4/5 4th term starts

Wed. 4/7 PTSA meeting

IX. Next Meeting: April 12, 2021, 5:30 pm