

Highland High School
Minutes of the School Community Council
December 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Highland High School Community Council (SCC) was held at Highland High School Room C110, 2166 South 1700 East Salt Lake City, Utah convening at 6:35 AM.

Present:

Chris Jenson, Principal
Sue Alder
Kyle Bracken
Amy Foulks
Monica French, SIC Chair
Mary Lane Grisley
Christina Leavitt
Joan Lind
Joanne Moffatt
Chris Rich
Bruce Simpson
Kristi Swett
Deidre Straight

Chairperson Lind welcomed all attendees.

Kyle Bracken demonstrated how Nearpod can improve interactions between the teacher and students in the classroom. Highlights of this teaching tool which is being implemented at Highland High are:

- A storage cabinet with 40 computers is portable and charges all machines overnight. Battery power is sufficient enough for three class periods. Eight teachers currently sharing these 40 computers. The challenge continues to be the cost of technology and providing enough machines for every classroom.
- Nearpod is an app that presents information similar to Microsoft PowerPoint, only provides opportunities for students to interact, real-time.
- Homebound students may also participate real-time.
- Nearpod is interactive and creates engagement. The software lets the instructor know that students, often those who wouldn't otherwise participate, are learning.

The council members had a discussion, led by Principal Jenson, about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) vs. large technology costs. \$35,000 has been allocated by SCC for technology – a portion of these funds will be used to purchase additional laptops.

The council also discussed opening up Internet connectivity for all Highland High students. The council came to a consensus that WIFI should be made available for all students. Principal Jenson will discuss at SIC and then make arrangements with district information technology personnel to grant access.

SCC Items of Business:

- Consent agenda fundraisers were distributed ahead of the meeting and were approved.
- Overnight and extended trips are due March 13th each year.
- The council continued its discussion about fee changes for the 2018-19 school year. School club membership fees are currently \$7.50 +\$1.00/month for 10 months. It was suggested that this fee be changed to an annual flat fee of \$20. The community education tutoring fee was inadvertently dropped off of the fee schedule last year. It was approved that this fee of \$10/half hour be reinstated.
- Highland Market has replaced the Highland Pantry and is located in a larger room.
- Chris Rich made a recommendation that the council consider naming the Highland High basketball gym after Larry Maxwell. Larry coached from 1963-94, leading the school to 5 state championships. He is the 5th winningest coach in state history. Chris spoke to Jeff Judkins who liked the idea. Kristi Swett explained that the idea must be presented to the community for comment. The school would then recommend to the school board for approval. Chris will write up the proposal and share it with Principal Jenson.
- Principal Jenson also mentioned that the school would like to formally name the Pat Eddington gallery and are considering honoring Paul Christensen in a formal way.

SIC: Nothing to report

District Report: Nothing to report

PTA: Nothing to report

Being that there were no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7: AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 6:30 AM.