

**MINUTES (approved)**  
**West High School Community Council**  
**December 9, 2019 5:30 - 7:30PM**  
**West High Media Center**

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** SCC went around the room and voiced what we would like Stacey know about West High.

**In attendance:** Katherine Stroud, Emily Stromness, Michael Hughes, Valerie Gates, Stacey Briggs, Ami Burton, Sherri Hutten, Trish Coughlin, Julie Lewis, Josh Pelton, Jennifer Johnston, Laura Hernandez, Katherine Kennedy, Anna Cekola, Phillip Baker

**Students:** Julliann Cruz, Ronnie Stroud **Guests:** Tiffany Sandburg, Ella Musuris, Josie Wankier, Lisa Speight, Caryn Willardsen, Ron Litteral, John Finks

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes** (November minutes approved)

**B. Fundraisers and Trips:** HOSA Winter-Grams for pediatric cancer. Approved.

**IV. Information Items** (none)

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. PXP Report** "Panther Excellence Program: (Jenny Nichols): This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the program. Currently there are 21 sections, 19 teachers, 747 students. This year, focusing more on Social-Emotional Learning. Curriculum: small groups, service learning, language arts and SEL support. Self-Awareness and Self-Management lessons. Goals to build relationships and make connections with every student. Ensure graduation goals. PXP is looking at Graduation rate and Honors enrollment. Future: Would be nice if the PXP instructors could meet with the middle schools to find out what the incoming freshmen need. SCC would like an audit of FTE to get an idea of where we should be allocating funds. Discussion continues in January.

**B. Parent outreach letter:** Going to West Parents to explain how to communicate concerns, questions, etc. to the SCC members, principal, etc.

**C. School Safety Responsibilities** (Recap and Prioritize): postpone until January. Josie Wankier is going to bring data. District has a binder of information about protocols. Ron: West has used it and adapted for the school. Cameras added to the field house hallways. Vaping detectors in the bathrooms are being looked at. Hall sweeps has increased number of students in the classroom. It's working! The sweep is a combined effort by teachers, SIC, admin, etc. Vaping down 50-60% since the sweeps. West recently developed some internal "911" calls. SAFE UT can be used by students as well as parents.

**D. Digital Citizenship Responsibilities** (Ron Litteral): All students sign off on this. Netsmart has an assembly on this. State legislature decided to not fund it this year. West is going to do their own version of it in February. January – we will look at approval of the policy. Need to present meaningful and relatable information.

**V. Reports** - 10 minutes each maximum

**A. IB:** IB diploma ceremony: December 19, 4:00

**B. School Board:** Late Start survey: Board is setting up a listening tour to middle schools to receive feedback from people. 82% were positive about this change. 6% were strongly against. It is possible this change can happen in fall of 2020.

**C. Equity and Access:**

**D. SIC** Josh: # of graduation credits. Trying to get some consistency from all of the SLC High Schools before presenting to the Board.

**E. Others as needed** (LAND Trust, Development, Communication, etc.)

**F. Principal**

- 1. Introduction of Interim Principal:** Stacey Briggs: Has heard from many people/students who want to make sure that she DOESN'T see West as broken, or is coming in trying to "fix" it...She assured them she didn't see it as broken. She has been going around the school talking to students. She feels privileged to be here. TV West asked her: what is going to be your legacy? Helping all groups to achieve their goals. To unblock obstacles towards achievement.
- 2. Report**
- 3. Opportunity for the Community to ask questions and bring forth concerns:** The superintendent has not been transparent about information regarding the administration at West. John: as a parent it would have been very helpful to have a clear explanation of what is going on. They may not legally be able to share details with us, but what is the process? Who's involved in the process? What's the timeline? The information provided has been vague and unacceptable. Communication!!

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Select School Safety Responsibilities to focus on** (postponed)

**B. Approve Digital Citizenship Plan**  
(postponed)

**VII. Assignments** (add info from above)

Josie Wankier will bring data regarding School Safety Responsibilities.

**VIII. Upcoming Events**

Dec. 18: \$10,000 in 10 minutes

Dec. 19, 4:00: IB Diploma Ceremony

Dec. 19: 7:00 Jazz Band Concert

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3: Winter Break

Jan. 10: Term 2 ends

**IX. Next Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:30 PM**