

## Herriman High School Community Council Meeting

Tech Atrium – 7pm MT

November 16, 2016

*Attending:* Darrell Robinson (Chairman), Danae Janis, Jason Mecham, Heather Thomas, Katherine Harbaugh, James Birch, Sterling Hunt(teacher), David Tilby, Kim Searle, Denise Christianson (PTA President), Maja Stocking (Counseling), John Blodget (Counseling) Brian Ballard (community visitor), Jolynne Jimenez

*Next meeting: Feb 15, 2017*

- I. **Welcome & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Darrell Robinson** - Motion to accept the minutes with the addition of Jolene Jimenez as having attended and Mr. Escossio (AP Teacher) name spelled correctly.
- II. **Brian Ballard – Fence Access for Students** – Lives in near subdivision and would like to request the SCC consider installing a gate between Athos School on the other side of the baseball diamond where the drainage portion of the property is. Mr. Birch commented that the District had previously communicated concerns for cost reaching estimated \$80,000 figures to put sidewalk in, maintenance during snowy season, etc. Darrell Robinson asked if we could communicate with the Herriman city engineer. There is a gate between the Jr. High and High School already, but that is maintained by the school district between the schools and is there to provide shared maintenance access between the schools. Darrell Robinson offered to assist in reaching out to the city regarding their future plans that may impact this need in the future. Mr. Ballard received Darrell Robinson's contact information in order to work together regarding these concerns. Plan to address with Gordon, Herriman City Planner.

### III. **Safe Walking Route – Darrell Robinson**

Elementary Schools focus on safe walking routes where our focus has been more regarding the driving scenarios. Mr. Birch clarified that they don't provide them for High School. Administration has reported improvement in the traffic issues so prevalent in the early months of the school year (measured by decreased complaints) since the new curbing was installed on 11800 S/Daybreak Parkway.

### IV. **Counseling – Ms. Stocking**

Update regarding outcome of Utah College Application Week – English Teachers brought Seniors to the Media Center to walk them through the College Application Process. Reported 80% participation. One change from last year was they created a Google Classroom to monitor all participants, where the students would have ongoing access to the resources to help them apply. They feel like it helps provide additional resources for students who often don't think about the steps of doing all of it. We could use more volunteers to help walk around and assist individual students to make sure that they are getting the most of the valuable time. They completed an FSA ID – if they had Social Security #.

Additional night to assist parents-students to complete the FAFSA on November 30<sup>th</sup>. They are attempting to minimize the perception that unless you are of a specific income scenario you shouldn't bother completing the FAFSA.

Reminder for Take Action Night, tomorrow November 17<sup>th</sup>. Many different college advisors will be present. It's an event where you can participate in various classroom rotations depending on the individual interests. The night is directed for Juniors and Seniors together. 816 students in the Senior class this year.

Suicide Prevention Lessons on deck for December.

Mr. Birch brought a program to Herriman focused on assisting our struggling readers (identified through SRI - Scholastic Reading Inventory) 30 students ("Golden 30" – who are not receiving any other services) who are simply behind in their reading skills. Our English department has a schedule of 11 lessons – hosted the students and their parents to an introductory meeting last night where these students can go during MAP class to improve their reading proficiency and then after those 11 sessions we select an additional 30 students. The goal is to move 100 students through by the end of the school year. The approach is to assist with their reading in order to impact their success in all subjects.

MAP results are still climbing. 3 Categories being measured (A grades going up/down – up another 2%, Fs are dropping by approx. .5%, Hours are going up – 3.5 weeks before MAP introduced previously...this year approx. one week, New statistic measured – Kids with one or more Fs also going down). Attendance statistics show approx. 140-190 kids don't end up going – kids not logging in during MAP).

Mr. Tilby and 4 other teachers recently attended an RTI conference (Response and Intervention) – nice to hear feedback and validation from the conference that the hardest thing to implement is the schedule which we have nailed down well. This allows us to accommodate the additional interventions like the "Golden 30," etc. We are investigating other interventions in other areas. Increasing Graduation Rates even with strong growth in the student body numbers as well may be attributed to the success of MAP program. 89% = 4 years ago to now 94%. Teacher opinion expressed by Mr. Hunt = MAP is helpful because it offers alternative times for teachers to assist with individual students avoiding need before/after school hours. Most teachers and students prefer this option. AP teachers are able to utilize the MAP time to encourage those students to receive additional review time prior to AP exams. Our AP Teachers can require their students to be in their MAP class 10xs each quarter as an option. It is nice to have that flexibility. Even looking in the cafeteria there are several study groups happening vs just carefree conversation even when allowed the freedom. Very positive results where students taking advantage of extra homework time. Katherine Harbaugh inquired about computer access for students during MAP. Administration commented that our computer labs are open (media center, etc), but those are the first things gone. The Career Center isn't used to capacity like the others. Mr. Hunt shared a perception that there is a movement where parents are taking back family time after school and MAP helps facilitate that. Mr. Hunt asked the members of the council if this information regarding the MAP program is already well known amongst the overall parent population and several agreed that parents aren't as informed around the details as may be assumed. Danae Janis recommended taking a look at what our feeder schools are doing (i.e. TA, or D.E.A.R). Discussion led to brainstorming for improved communication to better inform parents around the details of MAP. Jolene Jimenez inquired regarding the substitute teacher scenarios. We close those MAP classes and encourage students to go elsewhere because they were turning in to "party time."

#### **V. Board Meeting Information – Mr. Birch**

The School Board has chosen not to adjust the school boundaries until the new High School is built. Mr. Birch feels confident in putting together a reasonable contingency plan (4 more portables come next year as we increase by 250 potential students, a room upstairs can be turned into an additional classroom, we can utilize some of the computer rooms as well, 41 of our teachers of 100 teach 7 periods. Last resort will be roving teachers – very challenging on teachers). They are trying to push the new school to be built in 2019 rather than 2020. It will be packed until then but can be done. When the April/May population estimates they will review those numbers and determine impact to the current assembly schedules (likely to have 3 lunch periods, 3 assembly schedules). Will be discussed further at final plan at our final yearly community council meetings.

Katherine Harbaugh mentioned promoting/advertising the online schooling option for up to 4 classes – but not always promoted by the school counselors because the individual student drive and self-discipline impacts their success levels with online courses. Currently have waiting list for enrollment to manage the growth as best we can.

At our last meeting it was mentioned that ACT prep class would be offered as an elective course offering starting next school year. Want to consider a quarter of Drivers Ed to ACT preparation as well. Encourage better utilization of the Shmoop account preparatory tool – recommended by Maja Stocking.

Danae Janis inquired regarding online learning options (USC or SOEP) if you sign up you are supposed to reduce the credits taken at the brick/mortar school? Yes. Does the school/counseling center offer guidelines/recommendations for parents to utilize the online course offerings? Sometimes discouraged/not aggressively promoted because the student funding dollars are reduced to the school.

#### **VI. Any Other Items from the Chair –**

PTA reported 268 total entries to Reflections Contest. We had 171 just in Literature. 3 entries in Music Comp, 3 in Film Production.

#### **VII. Remaining Dates for School Community Council this Year:**

*To be held at 7pm MT in the Tech Atrium unless otherwise communicated*

- February 15, 2017
- May 17, 2017

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Heather to email the draft to all SCC Members to review and approve the draft  
Next meeting- February 15, 2017 – Chair moves to adjourn. Seconded and Adjourned.