

HHS School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2015

Present: James Birch, Mark Halliday, Darrell Robinson, Julie Williams, Jolynne Jimenez, Rosanne Delaney, Brook Ruff, Jason Mecham, Ron Mortensen, Heather Thomas, LaRue Edwards, Lori Hendry

Excused: James Crane, Tracy Roberts, Begetta Smith, Jennifer Samples, Jill Ames, Lynn Crane, John Blodgett, Trina Garlick

Next meeting: March 11, 2015

I. Welcome by Council Chair

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Correction made to participant name from Jenn Edwards to LaRue Edwards. Edit made removing Ron Mortensen listed as both council chairperson and vice-chair.

III. 2015-16 Budget Proposal Review

Mark Halliday reviewed the current year amended School Land Trust document/budget. Actual budget dollars are currently an estimate (based on actual enrollment numbers currently unknown, but assumed to remain flat – current enrollment is 2,368 per Mr. Birch). Budget dollars allocated based on revised goals to include: Salaries and Employee benefits adjustment to accommodate focus on 6 semester class periods of Study Skills (offerings might be lower), continued ACT prep courses, HIT professional development hours, Testing and Scholarship aids, Math and Science tutoring, and Vertical Teaming/teacher training hours. Money set aside for 2 more mobile computer labs to accommodate SAGE testing needs with an ultimate goal to purchase a mobile lab for use in each school department over time.

Council reviewed the amended Land Trust budget reducing the total dollars to \$137,700 from the prior \$143,037 total from our October 2014 meeting (based on estimated enrollment figures impacting total dollars distributed by the district).

Mr. Halliday will revise and redistribute to the council prior to the March 11th meeting where council will vote. New budget to be entered by April 2015.

IV. Proposed RTI bell schedule and RTI info share

Mr. Halliday and Mr. Birch reviewed proposed Bell Schedule for 2015-2016 school year to incorporate new RTI period (immediately following 1st period) on Monday-Thursday each week. RTI (Routes to Intervention) currently implemented at West Jordan High School and has increased graduation rates despite parallel rise in free/reduced lunch participation.

Mr. Birch shared with the committee the process of evaluating the program at West Jordan and feels we will benefit from their experience and prior mistakes/learnings. The intent is to have West Jordan faculty assist in sharing best-practices and provide support as we initially roll-out the program at HHS. Additionally the school may need to leverage the PTA in providing volunteer/parent support during RTI time (hall monitors, etc.). Campus will remain closed during

that 30minute period. Students who are scoring above a C in their classes will have the option to either work in study groups, complete homework or participate in “open-gym” time OR leverage the tutoring opportunity available in the classrooms. Those students who have reports of anything below a C grade will need to report to that class in order to receive additional help, tutoring or time to make up work in effort to improve their grades in a more pro-active vs. reactive way.

This plan still needs to be formally approved by the school board with the intent to submit it in April 2015, however a similar plan has already received approval for West Jordan HS, therefore it is anticipated to pass without issue.

V. Counseling Center Updates

Lori Hendry reviewed the following items on behalf of the HHS Counseling Center:

- o Sophomore Orientation will be Feb 3, 2015 from 5pm-8pm. It will include 2 presentations and informational booths set up by various CTE, AP, JATC, PTA groups to introduce incoming students to the various options available to them as students at HHS.
- o PCCR (Planning for College/Career Readiness) Meetings begin this Monday to review High School completion progress/goals.
- o ACT Prep classes to begin Jan 15, 2015. They will occur every Thursday from 3-5pm through March 2nd. They will include Science, English, Math as well as one to review “Test Taking Strategies.” The test will happen March 3rd.
- o FAFSA Completion Night, February 10th 6-8pm. UHEAA will be onsite to assist parents with completing the necessary FAFSA for all interested. Anticipate high participation rates.
- o Counseling Center has completed a booklet to be distributed both online as well as hardcopy to include all class offerings at HHS. Will serve as a valuable resource for parents/students. Master Schedule available April 1, 2015. Senior Arena Scheduling begins April 15-16. Junior Arena Scheduling, April 17-18.

VI. Parent and member Concerns and Comments

Reviewed prior decision to form sub-committee to address parent concern (Lorilee Richardson, parent who attended October council meeting) over inconsistent enforcement of dress code. Ron Mortensen would like to ensure the committee receives clear objectives to guide the committee outlining what the committee can accomplish vs what is outside the scope of what the committee can influence. Mr. Halliday commented that the committee has not yet met and he is still in the process of selecting the student participants. Darrell Robinson mentioned that the school board minutes included a discussion there and encouraged committee members to review what is available there to remain consistent.

VII. Adjourn