

Herriman High School Community Council Meeting

Tech Atrium – 7pm MT

Meeting Minutes – Draft

March 9, 2016

Attending: Julie Williams (Chairman), Darrell Robinson (Vice Chairman), Jolynne Jimenez, Jason Mecham, Ron Mortensen, Heather Thomas, Katherine Harbaugh, James Birch, David Tilby, Jill Ames, Jennifer Samples, Tricia Toponce, Trina Garlick, Holly Jensen, LaRue Edwards

Not Attending: Rosanne Delaney (e), Bergetta Smith, Tracy Roberts, John Blodgett (e), Shelley Brooks, Jonathan Hagg, Brooke Ruff, J. Lynn Crane, James N. Crane, Susan Pulsipher, Maja Stocking,

Next meeting: May 11, 2016

I. Approval of January 13, 2016 Minutes –Julie Williams

The chair motioned to approve the minutes from our last meeting, which were seconded and then approved by council.

II. Land Trust – Mr. Birch

Proposal previously distributed to the council (see separate attachment). Started the discussion with questions/concerns. Council member questioned other schools phasing out Chrome Books. Mr. Tilby reiterated that he had reached out to the tech department at the district and they all agreed that they prefer Chrome Books for support purposes. The feedback from existing teachers and staff is entirely positive. The concern isn't that the District isn't supporting or will phase-out, but that the company (Chrome Books) will be discontinued. Darrell Robinson mentioned that he was aware of ongoing support from Google through 2020. Digital Technology Bill being voted on today, which could impact how we use the money towards these, however Mr. Tilby is saying that regardless of the legislature decision we will still need more so the administration still would like to request the current spend from our Land Trust plans as outlined.

Chair proposes we accomplish necessary Land Trust approvals online. Mr. Tilby will follow up to determine how we complete it online. Others on committee have been emailed with a link to the collaborative document to collect approvals.

III. Staffing Concerns – Mr. Birch

Mr. Birch just learned that we are experiencing additional loss of teaching staff because our district had previously frozen salary increases (3 year freeze without retroactivity) and they are going to Canyons and Granite School District. Two teachers have interviewed and have been offered and accepted jobs for next school year. The teachers have yet to officially resign (typically as of July 1st at the end of their contracts). They are scheduling for them and then the effort to hire a replacement can begin. They want to stay and asked that they advocate to the District to prevent the need to move to get around the situation.

Darrell Robinson proposes we approach providing our feedback to the District a little more formally. He will draft an email, distribute to us for our feedback, and then will send to the Board.

IV. MAP – Mr. Tilby

See attached document with information from Mr. Tilby.

Comparing 1st to 2nd Quarter we are trending in a positive direction. Failure rate dropped this year from last year during same quarter. Equates to 80-90 kids more that didn't fail. Heading in right direction.

Ron Mortenson commented that he would love to see metrics around the top performers as well as the ones struggling. The Bs to As, Cs to As, etc. We raised the bar from F to D-

Council members concerned because they have heard of certain (math/science dept) becoming full during MAP. Some standing room only, but they've done sweeps of classrooms that students can't be on phones or sitting on floor. If so, they need to go to cafeteria.

Math and Science (Chemistry/Physics) departments are packed comparatively speaking.

Mr. Birch/Tilby agrees that it is the struggle for administrators, however parents, students and teachers all feel offering MAP it is worth it. Only the first 10 minutes are high patrol need for administrators.

V. Safety and Parking– Mr. Tilby/Darrell Robinson

Administrators met with Herriman city officials (no South Jordan representation). The largest concentration of inexperienced drivers is here at HHS during the school hours, etc. They have committed to doing a traffic study but they are backing out of commitment to doing anything that requires money until new fiscal year. The new police chief finally told the city to quit making excuses. The city is asking the school to educate our students, etc. No lights, curbing, barriers. They are also waiting until the area is further developed or at least where we are closer to knowing what that looks like. Darrell will reach back out to the individuals he previously met with along with Brad Sorenson, etc and will report back at next meeting (or via email in between sessions).

VI. Counseling Center Updates - Holly

ACT Prep classes completed. Had approx 100 students participating after school and 25 during MAP. Scores typically 3-4 weeks and will be notified through the school.

Completed junior PCCRs – Feedback about the difference individual meetings with counselors vs. group from prior year and the perceived value.

Upcoming: Sophomore Orientation March 17th – MS students invited. More clubs and academics participating in opportunity fair than in years passed

Sophomore Roundtables (Sophomore PCCR) – 22nd and 23rd of March

Counselors will have reviewed credits toward graduation for all students' grades 9-12

AP Testing and Sage testing planning better this year. It's been great having Becky and Kathy helping with testing this year.

Anthony Godfrey of district will be asking the Board to provide FTE for everyone in district to have a testing coordinator. Asking board to fund this year (17 hr aides fill a need, but utilizing the teaching staff improved overall value)

VII. Safe Technologies – Julie Williams

New Land Trust issue Julie had learned about and wondered the schools policy on cell phones, bringing devices. Do we have a school level policy or is it a blanket District policy. Bring at own risk. Darrel was on a committee at district level (10 years ago) and public safety concerns they have elected not to ban cell phones from school. Some teachers use them in the classroom. Some teachers are attempting to use them appropriately.

Council discussed and mentioned frustrations regarding our current filtering and management. Specific mentions included the athletic departments inability to hit other school athletic sites, etc.

Darrell concern with the safety of the digital information collected. Is any testing information provided to third parties? Some curious if the selling of such information is resulting in students receiving marketing information. Counseling office highlighted how the PLAN, Explore, and ACT exams have a question that asks if they would like to receive information from schools (8th – 11th graders).

The intent of the SCC responsibility is to serve as a check/balance to the District determining their policies.

Discussion included concern that the filtering is TOO tight (i.e. – recent filter of all sports pages like UVU athletic depts.). Suggestion made that even too strict to accomplish necessary job tasks.

VIII. Any other Items Brought forth by Chair/Council

Jason Mecham brings suggestion for fundraising or teams, etc to open up a Herriman School store to allow parents to purchase during future Parent-Teacher conferences or to have PTA /FBLA available to sell things during upcoming Sophomore Orientation.

Graduation is at 6pm on 6/2 at Vivint Smart Home Arena. Next year it will be 10am. We are rotating with Copper Hills HS and West Jordan HS to cut costs significantly. Start times rotate between 10am, 2pm and 6pm. Approx 750 in this years' graduating class.

2941 estimate student body for next school year. Growth up approx 300 students from this year.

Symphonic Orchestra – announced that it would be added to class offering next year, but finding it challenging to accommodate the scheduling. It will be offered during regular school day, but all students may not be able to do that (AP, employment, conflicting after school sports).

Darrel brought up the bond and shared feedback from previous night's Board meeting. The Board would like to solicit our help in advocating for the bond. 200-260 MM is likely. Wont raise our taxes, but will prolong the time to spend. Flier distributed to public recently (tri-fold, as a primer to the upcoming). If people continue to have the same idea when they were horrified at the less attractive alternatives. We will be over 4000 kids by the time the new school is built. We have an entirely new School Board than existed during previous failed bond and they are trying to approach the list of things differently. Not sure how we would (HHS) could go forward without a successful bond vote.

Had school play/musical a few weeks ago. District individual offered a 5 star rating. Very positive feedback on quality, humor. Two teachers of the year displayed on the marquee. Matt Filippini is FBLA teacher of year. DECA teacher of year is – Mr. Cameron

Business Dept well represented.

News last night with 3 of our FBLA students – KSL Dan Rascone story. Starting the Herriman Chamber of Commerce. Story published on the school website. Have 53 businesses committed to join.

Club Success – Hockey won State Div B title. Lacrosse starting soon. Rugby won the Sevens National Tournament w/o the best player who was on the US team at the time. Why doesn't district want you to comment (legal liability for injuries on those – Risk Management). District lightening. Lacrosse may be officially sanctioned at later date (feedback from Activities Association). Council appreciates the recognition and support from administration despite the chastising from the district.

Ron Mortensen student concern with project time in class/dead time in class. The culture is "middle fingers and f-bombs." Teacher says to his student that he can't use headphones as opportunity to ignore it. Mr. Birch encourages the student to come to administration and they will leave his name out of it, but provide the feedback to teachers.

IX. Adjourn

Next meeting May 11, 2016 – Chair moves to adjourn. Seconded and Adjourned.