

MINUTES

East High School – School Community Council (SCC)

Monday May 8, 2023, 4:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Kristien McDonald

In Attendance

Kristien McDonald, Elizabeth Florence, Rebecca Anderson, Jen Throndsen, Molonai Hola, Natalie Fetzer, Wade Bean, Shannon Freedman, Erin Massey, Tim Payne, Ashley Shaw

Pam Pedersen, Kevin Waite, Cassidy Bell

Guest(s):

Sarah Belzer, Keri Taddie, Mary Catherine Perry, Tom Herold, Karim Khader

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Monday, April 10, 2023, motioned and approved with the correction of adding Jen Throndsen in attendance.

Follow Up on Previous Assignments

School Cell Phone Policy Discussion follow up (Elizabeth Florence)

A draft of the policy has been given to Principal Pam Pedersen. It is being reviewed and they plan to have something in place for the start of the 2023 – 2023 school year.

Fundraiser Requests – Lance Taylor, Assistant Principal

None

Overnight Requests – Lance Taylor, Assistant Principal

Organization	2024 Dates	Location	Transport	Cost per Student	Fundraising?	School Days Missed

None

SCC Discussion – Kristien McDonald, SCC Chair

Finalized SCC policies and Rules of Order:

The documents were reviewed and discussed by the council. There was discussion on if we should have a cap of how many members there can be. After debate they were motioned and approved with the addition of the following sentenced to be added to page 3 first paragraph under Elections “The council may choose to limit the size of the body to afford for more efficient, effective meetings and equitable representation.”

Data supporting counseling position, discussion about addressing attendance:

Cassidy Bell shared how she has been working with 9th graders to improve attendance.

Term 1 – attendance interventions and YouScience classroom lessons

Term 2 – 20 classroom college & career readiness lessons

Term 3 – Middle school registration and marketing East High programs to middle schools

Term 4 – Individual CCR’s (497)

Working to improve 9th grade attendance by 8% for students this year compared to last year. Also, working to improve Chronic Truants (15 or more missed days).

The question was how does 9th grade attendance compare to the other grades?

How to improve East High’s image in the community:

How do we communicate what East has to offer?

What can be improved to make the school more enticing to attend?

How many students are we losing to other schools?

How do we better leverage the community?

Should the East High SCC be attending other SCC meetings in the schools where students will be attending East?

Marketing Mascot?

See yourself at East High school event – postcard mailed to every home inviting them to attend an open house at the school.

Parents at the meeting had the following comments:

How to we provide information to parents/guardian showing why their student should attend East High

Do we have data showing the progress at the school?

We seem to have low expectations for the students at East (assignments can be turned in weeks after the due date for full credit). How do set higher expectations?

What is happening in the bathrooms at the school? There are a lot of stories of vaping and drug use.

Need to improve attendance.

Having more extracurricular activities

Can we get help from data science experts to improve the data that is being pulled and then shared?

Principals Report – Pam Pedersen, Principal

Art Project:

Has been present to the faculty.

They will be covering 3 sets of windows with artwork.

The class of 23 will be providing the art on one set of windows as the Senior class gift.

In connections classes students are working on their ideas for the other two windows. Each class will vote on put forward their design. Then a vote will be done for the final design

Emmerson Elementary Visit:

Staff presented at the elementary to share what it is like to attend East. They received good feedback from the parents. They are working to build relationships with the schools whose paths lead to East.

Supervised Studies – Tier 2 Intervention:

Will be hiring a full-time position for supervised studies for the 2023-2024 school year.

Laptops:

The school will be 1:1 next year.

Senior Night:

Will be held on May 20, 2023. There be an award ceremony for students and their families. After the ceremony families will go home and a dinner and stomp will be held for the seniors.

WIDA Testing:

Students taking the WIDA test were challenged to level up one whole score. As a reward those who reached the goal will go to Lagoon. The results are in, and 40-50 students will be attending Lagoon on May 23.

Attendance Policy:

West High school has been piloting a Citizenship/Attendance policy with success. They will be working on a policy for East and will start to communicate it to students during the summer. They fill that with the policy there might not be a need for an individual cell phone policy. The cell phone committee has been invited to work with Pam during the summer to discuss.

Student Government Report – Lynette Yorgason, Student Government Advisor

No updates

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Report – Rebecca Fredrick, PTSA President

They had successful service project decorating place mats for Meals on Wheels.

Working on the upcoming seniors' events.

School Improvement Council (SIC) Report – Brenda Kraack, SIC Chair

No updates

School Counseling Report – Kevin Waite, School Counselor

They are reviewing all the seniors records to make sure they have all credits need to graduate. They will reach out to all seniors with missing credits. Preparing for graduation.

Glendale/Mountain View SCC Update – Karla Jimenez

No updates

Additional Business

Discussion on next year's SCC:

Why do we start the meetings at 4:30 pm when at East High and 7:00 pm when at Glendale?

Could we get more involvement if the Glendale meetings started earlier?

Could we get more involvement if all meetings were held at Glendale?

How do we make it a safe space all?

Could we provide some type of daycare for parents with children?

Should we have interpreters?

Cell Phone Policy – Tom Herold

What surveys were sent out for the cellphone policy?

Could/has a survey be sent to parents/guardian, teachers, and students?

Are there results that can be shared?

How will the policy be communicated?

Next Meeting

Monday September 11, 2023

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:02 pm and was passed unanimously.