

East High SCC Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:30 pm
East High School

Community Members: Kristien McDonald (parent), Bryan Jensen (SLCSD school board candidate), Nate Salazar (SLCSD board member), Elizabeth Florence (parent), Melissa Ford (SLCSD board chair, parent/guardian), Rebecca Fredrick (PTSA President), Carol Lear (UT State Board of Education)

Faculty Members: Pam Pedersen (principal), Kevin Waite (counseling), Cassie Bell (counseling), Brenda Kraack (SIC chair), Marissa Zuchetto (assistant principal), Lance Taylor (assistant principal), Julie Anzelmo (library technology teacher)

1. **Becky Cisneros-Cox**

- a. **Welcome** – Becky regretfully could not make it tonight, so Pam led the meeting.
- b. **Review and approve minutes from May 2022** – Kristien McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Elizabeth Florence. Minutes were approved.
- c. **Gun Security** – East will be installing gun detectors at each of the three main entrances. A couple of times we set them up so people could come see what they look like. West and East High will both be installing them. We will also be hiring a new campus safety coordinator who will be responsible for ensuring safety, including monitoring video surveillance and relieving administration from those responsibilities.

Carol Lear asked how East will handle an adult coming in with a gun when they are legally allowed to do so. Staff have a prepared script to appropriately question adults (however, no students are allowed to bring in guns).

- d. **Parent Teacher Conferences** – Will be held on September 29th at Glendale Community Center from 3-7 pm. From 6-7 pm there will be a time for parents to meet their child's Connections teacher. Next time, parent teacher conferences will be held at East High. Kristien McDonald asked why we couldn't hold the conferences at both locations each time, hosting them one night at Glendale, and one night at East High. The staff decided it was easiest to only have to set up at one location. Pam welcomes any feedback as they offer various ways to hold Parent Teacher conferences.
- e. **Faculty Photos on Web Site** – Becky Cisneros-Cox wants every faculty member to put their photo on the website. Pam said that is a valid concern that we can

work on. Let's do it. This was strongly supported by the three parents who are here.

- f. **Nominations and Election for Chair, Chair Elect and Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year** – We don't have quorum to hold elections. We need at least two more parents than faculty voting members to have quorum. Let's do the election next month and we will do more outreach giving parents information about what SCC is about, including the schedule of meetings and the three positions to vote on (chair, co-chair, and secretary). Becky would accept the nomination to chair again next year.

A state rule changed so we don't have to have an election to be on the SCC as a regular member.

Our meeting schedule will be the 2nd Monday of each month with every other month being held at Glendale Community Center at 7:00 pm and the other months at East at 4:30 pm. We will no longer have meetings via ZOOM. We encourage anyone to come and participate... we wanted committed members, but if someone can only come every other month, we want to encourage people to come. The most important factor is you have to have a student here and care about what's happening. When Melissa Ford was the SCC chair, there was even a student member on the SCC.

Here is the schedule of future SCC meetings for the rest of the year:

October 10th at Glendale Community Center at 7:00 pm

November 14th at East High School at 4:30 pm

December 12th at Glendale Community Center at 7:00 pm

January 9th at East High School at 4:30 pm

February 13th at Glendale Community Center at 7:00 pm

March 13th at East High School at 4:30 pm

April 10th at Glendale Community Center at 7:00 pm

May 8th at East High School at 4:30 pm

2. Whitney Watchman

- a. **HB58 2022-2023**

3. Lance Taylor

- a. **Fundraising requests** – Coach Andy Gorder for Cross County wants to set up a run-a-thon. Nothing will be shaved off the top by a partner company. They have a goal of \$10,000 to raise to pay for race entries, drinks and snacks at races, and fund a trip in CA in December. They hope to have 30 people participate. It will take place on September 17th on Saturday. Athletes would ask people to donate

per lap... have each runner do 40 laps or 10 miles. Athletes collect the money themselves or donate through the treasurer.

Cheer: Straight donation outreach through the SL Foundation with a link to donate through the foundation website. The goal is \$40,000 for the team of 40 cheer leaders. This will run from September through March.

Cheer: They also want to run their Little Leopards cheer clinic October 3 – 7th. where children will pay \$60 per child for a t-shirt, the clinic classes and entry to the football game with a total goal of \$2,500.

Softball: They want to work concessions at the U of U at various times from Sept. 22 through March. They hope to raise \$3,500.

Motion to approve all four fundraisers by Kristien McDonald, seconded by Elizabeth Florence. All fundraiser requests were approved.

4. Marissa Zuchetto

- a. **Upcoming Events / Calendar** – Refer to the website for details of all the sports games and activities on the calendar. Next week is Homecoming and there is something fun going on each day to celebrate, for example on Monday, the PTSA will sponsor a glostick party, on Friday there will be a Homecoming assembly with students (juniors and seniors vs. the freshmen and sophomores). (Will it be possible to get the bell schedule published in advance that day?) Saturday will be the homecoming dance.

Friday is midterms already!

5. Brenda Kraack

- a. **SIC report** – The faculty discussed making it a goal to look at the school calendar and not have everything due at the same time with performances, AP testing, Aspire testing, musicals, etc. We will be aware and deliberate about scheduling those things.

6. Lynette Yorgason

- a. **Student Government** – Lynette wasn't present for a report, but everyone should come in through the front and check out the commons –the student government has done a great job decorating!

7. Pam Pedersen

- a. **Principal's Report** – Pam presented the HB58 Positive Behavior Plan. The point is to address drugs and other controlled substances, however, relationships and how students are treated at school affects those things too. We are doing a lot of good things like Connections (which has now moved to just once a week, which

many thought was a good change), BEAST framework, addressing bullying, the Peer Court is starting to hear cases, etc.

Rebecca Frederick asked about getting Hope Squad going. Let's get more information and send it out. We didn't have students actively participating and would like to see that get going.

When we have quorum we can vote to approve this plan at the next meeting in time for the deadline.

Elizabeth Florence asked if we've had a big push with the start of the new year encouraging students with this plan. Pam said students know about beast bucks and this year already feels way better than last year... we've had way fewer fights on campus.

School report: we got a grant with the Gates Foundation which has helped us design our system so our young people can get an Associate's degree before they graduate from high school to help them step into a Bachelor's degree path. We don't have one in the area of communications (the three cluster areas are education & training, health science, and business/finance/marketing). The planning year grant will help us do a better job communicating this pathway.

Would love to see more concurrent options available to students at East.

Pam shared the Reading Inventory testing data from last year, but unfortunately we didn't get enough kids to do the testing in the 10th grade for their data set to be reliable. (This test is administered three times through the year). Roughly half of the 9th graders are proficient or advanced in reading, however, by the end of the year, nearly 63% of 11th graders were proficient or advanced, and 55% of our 12th graders were by the end of the year. Our AP tests have had an upswing of improved test scores.

Elizabeth Florence asked how our push to have kids in class has been going. Pam said kids are going more, and teachers have been asked to stay by their doors until the halls are cleared, which has also helped.

8. Salt Lake School Board Member

- a. **School Board Update** – Nate Salazar shared that Dr. Taylor and network directors have shared their Back to School report. The district has approved one-to-one technology which will roll out over a number of years to 40,000 devices. Safety coordinators have been approved for each of the high schools (a full-time position listed at \$31,000 - \$42,000 per year). We only have 5 out of our 10 school resource officers positions filled, however.

The district is looking to rebuild both West and Highland schools. East was rebuilt in late 90s but let's think about what East needs as we talk about a bond for Highland and West.

Every year the school board sets the fee schedule –only secondary schools can charge fees. The next two board meetings we will talk about these school fees. Melissa Ford can be a resource for further questions on school fees.

9. Kevin Waite

- a. **School Counseling Advisory** – Counselors have a committee to communicate with the community. We are doing that via the SCC so we don't have a separate meeting. We give updates here. Right now we are doing Senior College and Career meetings. This year we are also doing needs survey.... we'll use that data and present it here in SCC next year. We are down one counselor during her maternity leave, however we have a UCCAC advisor, Elizabeth who is on top of things and very proactive. We also have an intern helping this year.

10. Rebecca Fredrick

- a. **PTSA Report** – Rebecca had already left the meeting, but the biggest thing PTSA is doing is its party on Monday and tailgating for the football game will be fun.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.