

East High School SCC Meeting
October 10, 2022 - Glendale Middle School Library

Community Members: Becky Cisneros-Cox (chair), Elizabeth Florence, Kristien McDonald, Annie Payne, Tim Payne, Molonai Hola, Ned Maxfield, David Bergstedt, Shannon Freedman, Robert Kingsford, Ashley Shaw, Natalie Fetzer, Rebecca Fredrick, Rick Davis (SLCSD School Board candidate) Bryan Jensen (SLCSD School Board candidate)

Faculty Members: Pam Pedersen (principal), Kevin Waite (counseling), Brenda Kraak (SIC chair), Lynette Yorgason (student government)

Becky Cisneros-Cox

1. Welcome and Introductions

There were several parents who hadn't been to an SCC meeting before and wanted to know more about its role. There was a review of what the SCC is and what its function is within the school.

- a. The School Community Council is a forum made up of parents, school administration, teachers, school staff and community members. The SCC helps set goals for the school and makes plans to use available resources to help reach these goals. The SCC is responsible for preparing the annual School LAND Trust plan which will be submitted to the school board for approval.
- b. The SCC approves fundraising requests from all athletic teams and clubs within the school. It also approves all overnight requests for student clubs and teams.
- c. The SCC will vote on a district calendar (school start dates, end dates, breaks) that will be in place for the next three years.
- d. The SCC may form subcommittees or task forces to address issues or propose projects to bring to the SCC for approval.
- e. Becky proposed that all parents present and expressing interest in being voting members of the SCC be elected and have a vote.
 - i. Molonai Hola made a motion that all parents present and expressing interest in being voting members of SCC be part of SCC. Kristien McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- a. There were very few parents at the meeting who received a copy of last month's minutes. One parent asked if there could be a summary of the minutes. Kristien McDonald summarized the minutes from the September meeting.
- a. It was asked if it would be possible to send out the minutes from the last meeting so they could be reviewed and voted on in the November meeting.
- b. Kristien McDonald made a motion to table the review and approval of the minutes for September 2022 and add that to the agenda for next month. Elizabeth Florence seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. New Rules Regarding Student Fees for Overnight Trips

- a. Pam shared that at the most recent District Board Meeting, there was a vote to increase travel fees for sports and other extracurricular activities by \$300 for the 2022-23 school year. The fee increase is to ensure that all students have their own bed when participating in overnight trips.
- b. Students can still fundraise to pay for trips.
- c. Becky asked if students who have fee-waivers are still exempt from paying those fees and Pam indicated that they are. No one will be excluded from an overnight trip because of the increase in travel fees.
- d. More information regarding school fees is available on the SLCS D website (slcschools.org)

4. Faculty Photos on School Website

- a. Becky followed up on the request that all faculty have a photo on the school website. It is difficult to feel connected to the school and not have any pics. Especially for parents for whom English is not their first language it is one further barrier to feeling connected to the school.
- b. Pam said the administration will follow-up on the mechanics of how faculty and staff upload their photos and will share that information with the staff.

5. Nominations and Elections for SCC Chair, Chair Elect, and Secretary

- a. Becky - We are overdue for elections and have three positions we need to fill.
 - i. SCC Chair - Pam nominated Becky Cisneros-Cox as SCC chair. Maloni Hola seconded the motion.
 - ii. Kristien McDonald expressed interest in being the chair. Kristien was nominated as chair by Rebecca Fredrick. Seconded by Malonai Hola.
 - iii. After a vote it was determined that Kristien McDonald would be the new SCC chair.
- b. Malonai Hola - volunteered to be Chair Elect. He was nominated by Shannon Freedman and seconded by Dave Bergstedt. Molonai Hola was approved as the SCC Chair Elect.
- c. Rebecca Fredrick nominated Natalie Fetzer as secretary. Elizabeth Florence seconded the nomination. Natalie Fetzer was approved as SCC secretary.

- Positions for 2022-23 year are:

SCC Chair - Kristien McDonald

SCC Chair Elect - Molonai Hola

SCC Secretary - Natalie Fetzer

6. Pam Pedersen - Fundraiser and Overnight Requests

- a. Fundraiser Request for East Football
 - i. The team will make phone calls and send texts asking for monetary donations.
 - ii. They are raising funds for camera and video equipment for the games.
 - iii. The football team is hoping to raise \$15,000-20,000 through this fundraiser.
- b. Overnight Request
 - i. Green Power Team would like to travel to the Taledega SuperSpeedway in Lincoln, AL to compete at the Green Power USA National Championship.
 - ii. The dates are May 19 - 21, 2023 and students would miss two days of school and the cost would be \$100/student.
 - iii. The faculty advisor is Nicholas Hamilton.
- c. Elizabeth Florence made a motion to approve the fundraiser and the overnight request. Kristien McDonald seconded the motion. Both were unanimously approved.

7. Brenda Kraack - SIC Report

- a. SIC talked about AVID and FAFSA night for seniors - coming up on October 19th from 5:30-7:30 and hope to promote that schoolwide.
- b. Whitney Watchman talked about the HB 58 Plan which has been submitted.

8. Lynette Yorgason - Student Government

- a. We are having a Fall Festival on October 22nd - haunted house, movies, game room, etc.
- b. The Student Government Constitution allows for the administration to change any activities. (It was the administration who made the decision to cancel the dance and have a Fall Festival instead.)

9. Pam Pedersen - Principal's Report

- a. Dances and activities are not canceled for the rest of the year. Halloween is the only dance that has been reformatted.
 - i. We need a safety reset. Students need to understand what behavior is not safe or acceptable.
 - ii. Kids should not be injured or disrespected at school events. Activities should be safe for everyone.
- b. State Report Card
 - i. Last time we got a school grade it was an F. This year, East has improved to a C.
 - ii. The state looks at end of year ASPIRE tests proficiency and student growth.
 - 1. We got the highest rating on our growth - graduation rate, ACT, college readiness (AP, Concurrent Enrollment classes.)
 - 2. Areas that need improvement are proficiency and English Learners growth.
 - iii. We are on the right track to where we need to be.

10. Kevin Waite - School Counseling Advisory

- a. The PSAT is tomorrow for juniors (the makeup date is October 25th.)
- b. Next week is the Utah College Application week. Representatives from colleges will be here next week and will bring fee waivers which can save students money in their applications.

11. Rebecca Fredrick - PTSA Report

- a. Reviewed all the things that PTSA has been involved in over the past month.
- b. There are service/outreach opportunities coming up for students in the school.
- c. Has created a partnership with Power of Kind - they are paying \$2500 toward MESS shirts which will share the message to BE KIND.
- d. Hopes to create a new culture at East as we rebuild expectations and traditions.

12. Motion to Dismiss - Maloni Hola; Second: David Bergstedt.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

- 1. Review and approve minutes from September and October.
- 2. Follow-up on faculty pictures on the website.