

MINUTES

East High School – School Community Council (SCC)

Monday December 12, 2022, 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Kristien McDonald

In Attendance

Kristien McDonald, Becky Cisneros-Cox, Elizabeth Florence, Rebecca Anderson, Sara Farah, Karla Jimenez Molonai Hola, Natalie Fetzter, Rebecca Fredrick, Wade Bean, Shannon Freedman, Erin Massey, Ashley Shaw Pam Pedersen, Brenda Kraack, Lynette Yorgason, Cassidy Bell

Guests:

Jared Fredrick

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Monday, November 14, 2022, were approved. Motioned and approved

Follow Up on Previous Assignments

Accessing district teacher photos to put on school website

Pam Pedersen is working on this. There seems to be a missing file

What LAND Trust funds can and cannot be spent on

Document was emailed out to all members to review and gain an understanding

School cell phone policy discussion follow-up

Examples of school polies were emailed out to the group to review

Teachers appreciate the concern is coming from the parents

Motion was made to create a committee to draft a policy suggestion and gain parent/guardian buy in

The motion was approved and the Kristien McDonald start working on it.

Fundraiser Requests – Lance Taylor, Assistant Principal

Boy's Lacrosse Team:

Sponsor: Daniel Anderson

Oranges from Johnston Farms.

Projected profit of \$20,000

Motioned and approved by email December 8, 2022

Black Student Union:

Sponsor: Brittany Ryan

Valentines Grams

Projected profit of \$500.00

Motion and approved by email December 8, 2022

The following process was put forward to the committee and was motioned and approved:

When a club or group requests consideration for their fundraiser request in-between regularly scheduled meetings due to time constraints or other consideration, the SCC chair will put the fundraiser request out for a vote (to approve, deny, or table until the next in-person meeting) via email to all voting SCC members and if quorum is reached (meaning there are two more votes from parent members than faculty members), then the majority of votes received within 48 hours will stand as the decision of the body. If there is not a clear majority within 48 hours, the request will be tabled until the next in-person meeting

Student Government Report – Lynette Yorgason, Student Government Advisor

Winters was a success, and they made a profit. There were no issues at the dance, and they had a lot of parent participation at the dance as chaperons.

District Three-Year Calendar Vote – Kristien McDonald, SCC Chair

Option 1: traditional (most like current calendar)

Option 2: start one week earlier, still end first week of June, full week Fall Break

Option 3: start one week earlier, end before June with a 3-day Fall Break

The parent survey had 89 responses ranking the three options as follows:

#1 Option 3 with 55%

#2 Option 2 with 33%

#3 Option 1 with 12%

The committee voted to put forward Option 3: start one week earlier, end before June with a 3-day Fall Break – it was motioned and approved.

Principals Report - Pam Pedersen, Principal

Progress report on East High School Land Trust Plan 2022-23

Goal #1: By providing adequate support for students and opportunities for advanced coursework, East High will achieve a 90% graduation rate at the end of the 22-23 school year.

1. Share data on late and tardy students to families and staff on monthly basis – *they are having system issues and the data is not correct. They will continue to work on this.*
2. Provide 4 hours of professional learning focused on teaching engagement strategies with teachers – *this is in progress and will completed before the end of the school year.*
3. Hire one counseling intern who will help work with students to develop relationships, meet with parents and students, and teach students expectations and strategies related to being a successful student – *the position has been hired and is now working as planned.*

4. Hire two full-time advocates who will assist in mentoring students and getting them to class on time – *they were able to hire one FTE.*
5. Hire a 1.0 FTE counselor from East’s main feeder school, who can leverage existing relationships with incoming students to assist as a Transition Counselor – *the position has been hired and is working with all current 9th graders and their families.*

Goal #2: By May 15th, East High School will increase math interim scores in 9th and 10th grade by 15% compared to 2021-2022 scores.

1. Plan for and administer interim test to 9th and 10th grade classes 3 times/year – *testing is happening and will be completed by the end of the school year.*
2. Hire a full- time math teacher so that math abilities are supported in several ways: Lower class size (3 sections) and allow team teaching opportunities to be expanded (2 sections) – *the position has been hired and it allowed them to add AP Computer Science as a class option.*
3. Pay certified math teachers to teach lab time before and/or after school to support/reinforce students’ learning – *the labs are being offered to all students.*

Goal #3: East High School 9th grade RI scores will increase 5% from EOY (End of Year) scores in 2022 to EOY scores in May of 2023.

1. Hire an additional reading teacher to support 9th grade students in their ELA classes – *the position has been hired and they are spending 50% of their time ESL students.*
2. Pay to train all teachers in AVID reading strategies to support all students – *currently do not have a plan in place for training but will complete before the end of the school year.*

Reviewed the SLCC General Education Certificate of Completion program and how to help students get involved in the program.

Molonai Hola asked the committee if they agree it would be beneficial to have a full employee at the school to help students understand how to complete the program. The committee agreed it could be helpful but did not vote considering all positions must be approved the district. He will meet with Pam to see if there is a job description in the system and what next steps would be.

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

Recent service projects have been successful. They had more donations then expected for Friendsgiving. Sub for Santa is in progress and is going well.

Be Kind t-shirts have been passed out to all students and they are being asked to wear them every Friday. They currently have Kindness Christmas tree at the school and will be doing 12 days of Kindness to count to Winter Break.

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

Teachers reviewed the district three-year school calendar, and their top choice was option 2 with option 3 a very strong second.

The teachers have also asked why the district does not have a citizenship grade? They struggle to get students to class on time and feel that a citizenship grade could help. Brenda Kraack asked that she be allowed to investigate what other schools are doing and how it is helping. The group motion and approved the request.

School Counseling Report – Kevin Waite, School Counselor

Kevin Waite was unable to make it to the meeting. Cassidy Bell was present from the department and shared the counseling department has a to increase attendance for all 9th graders for the 2022-2023 school year.

Glendale/Mountain View SCC Update – Karla Jimenez

They voted on the three-year school calendar in their last meeting

Additional Business

Pam Pederson has asked each parent/guardian that attends to SCC meeting to come prepared to the January meeting to take one minute to share what is going well for their student(s)

Next Meeting

Monday January 9, 2023, at 4:30 pm

East High School (840 S 1300 S Salt Lake City, UT 84102)

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 pm and was passed unanimously