

# MINUTES

East High School – School Community Council (SCC)

*Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | Meeting called to order by Sarah Farah*

## **Parent Members in Attendance:**

Sarah Farah, Elizabeth Florence, Sarah Belzer, David Bergstedt, Annie Payne, Shannon Freedman

## **Employee Members:**

Ryan Oaks, Justin Spencer, Mark Unruh, Lynette Yorgason

**Welcome:** Sarah Farah

## **Review and Approve Minutes:**

Elizabeth made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, Jan 14, 2024, Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Fundraiser Requests – Justin Spencer (assistant principal).**

### **CTE Trips:**

1. **DECA (Orlando, FL) – April 26-29, 2025**
  - 8 students, 1 advisor
  - Cost: \$1,200 per student
  - Required fundraiser available if approved
  - SIC has approved this trip
2. **FCCLA (Orlando, FL) – July 5-9, 2025**
  - 6 students, 1 advisor
  - Cost: \$1,200 per student
3. **HOSA (Nashville, TN) – June 18-21, 2025**
  - 8 students, 1 advisor
  - Cost: \$1,200 per student
4. **Skills USA (Atlanta, GA) – June 23-27, 2025**
  - 6 students, 1 advisor
  - Cost: \$1,200 per student

Sarah Belzer motioned to approve CTE trips; Shannon seconded. Motion passed.

### **Team Trips:**

- **East Softball**
  - The East Softball team will be traveling to St. George, UT, from March 13-15, 2026, for a trip focused on improving skills and team building. Twenty students

will participate, with a cost of \$200 per student. Transportation will be provided by a school bus.

- **East Baseball**
  - The East Baseball team will travel to St. George, UT, from March 8-11, 2026, for skill development and team building. Thirty students from grades 9-12 will participate, with a cost of \$200 per student. Players will miss two school days for the trip.
- **Men's Lacrosse**
  - The Men's Lacrosse team will also head to St. George from March 13-14, 2026, with 50 students attending. This trip will focus on improving skills and fostering team camaraderie.
- **Girls Tennis**
  - Girls Tennis will take their trip to St. George from August 8-10, 2026, with 25 students participating. The cost is \$200 per student, and the trip is designed to enhance skills and strengthen team bonds before the season begins.

**Fundraisers:** *(These will be moved to Success Fund; Justin does not have access to proposed fundraisers on the platform.)*

1. **Track & Field Community Track Meet** – April 14-22, 2025  
25 students, \$200 per student  
Goal: Raise \$1,500 for uniforms and equipment  
Expected 500 participants  
Voluntary fundraiser
2. **Boys Soccer Fundraisers**
  - a. **Banner Sales:** Goal \$6,000 for equipment, senior night, banquet
  - b. **Snap Raise:** Goal \$6,000 for team apparel, equipment, senior night, banquet
  - c. **Youth Soccer Clinic (April 12, 2025):** Goal \$500-\$1,000, Ages 6-14
3. **Boys Volleyball Parking Lot Fundraiser**  
Fundraising during University of Utah and community events  
SIC approved  
Set fee: \$20 per car  
Future: This will become an East High administration fundraiser

Elizabeth motioned to approve team trips; David seconded. Motion passed.

**Additional Fundraisers:** Girls Golf & Boys Baseball (Spring 2025) to be approved via email.

### **Counselors Report- Mark Unruh**

Registration is nearly complete, with only 300 students remaining, and it is expected to be finished by Friday. Once registration is wrapped up, the staffing process will begin. Ninth Grade CCRs are set to start next week. Regarding scholarship applications, efforts are being made to ensure students and parents stay informed. Emails could be sent as reminders, while the College Access Advisor continues to share information through Canvas. Additionally, Ryan has sent reminders via ParentSquare and plans to send another soon.

## **Principal's Report - Ryan Oaks (principal)**

- 1. General updates:** Winter sports are wrapping up, with basketball senior nights happening this week—boys tonight and girls on Friday. One wrestler has qualified for the state tournament, and spring sports tryouts are scheduled for February 24, 2025. In terms of realignment, East High is moving to the 4A region, joining Cottonwood, Highland, Jordan, Judge, Murray, and Juan Diego. Staffing changes are also on the horizon, as lower enrollment projections mean the school will require one fewer full-time teacher. Ryan is currently exploring solutions.
- 2. Land Trust Plan:** The Land Trust Plan and Budget, mid-year allocation numbers are on track. Current spending includes \$110,000 for a full-time reading teacher, \$60,000 each for half-time math and band teachers, \$70,000 for a half-time transition counselor (now integrated into the counseling team), and \$8,000 for math teacher training. Next year's budget allotment is \$287,635.14, while personnel needs are projected to be around \$300,000. The impact of these investments is mixed—math scores have increased by nine points, but reading growth has been slower due to a high number of students reading below grade level.
- 3. Budget and needs for next year's Land Trust Plan:** Discussion topics include concerns about math proficiency and AP exam performance, which may be affected by student test effort, opt-outs, and a lack of math lab support. Increasing enrollment is another focus, with potential boundary changes and transportation challenges under consideration.
- 4. Cell phone policy update:** The school's cell phone policy has been largely successful, with strong faculty and administrative support. Only three to four phones are confiscated each week, and there have been no repeat offenders.

**Student Government Report-** Lynette Yorgason The Sweethearts Dance was a success, with great attendance and plenty of parent chaperones helping out. Looking ahead, several exciting events are on the calendar. Spirit Week, themed around the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, will take place the week before spring break. Student elections are scheduled for April, right after the break. Prom is set for April 19, 2025, at the Eccles Stadium Lounge. Additionally, there is a fundraising goal of \$10,000 to help cover the cost of MESS shirts for next year.

**PTSA Report-** Shannon Freedman. The SEP Dinners for teachers will take place on February 20, 2025, from 3:30 to 7:30 PM at East High. In addition, a Valentine's Day treat event was held to show appreciation for the teachers.

## **Additional Business**

1. Meeting: Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at East High School

Sarah motioned to adjourn, Annie seconded, and the motion passed.