

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 10/8/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Lyle Gibson (visitor), Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen

Excused:

Karianne Prince

Minutes:

1. Mr. Bingham welcomed Community Council members and introduced two new members: Emily Allison and Lisa Mietchen.
2. Lyle Gibson, representing the Salt Lake County Department of Planning & Development Services, presented information on a proposed housing development bordering on Skyline's property.
 - a. Skyline's Council expressed concern regarding the additional traffic congestion that the development would create on Upland Drive. Emergency access to the housing development would also be very difficult during peak traffic times.
 - b. The Council recommended that a notice of existing conditions (noise of school bells, lights and noise from sporting events, etc.) be signed by potential residents within the new development recognizing that they knew about the potential nuisances of living next to a school when they purchased their home.
 - c. Interested parties are invited to attend the Millcreek Planning Commission Hearing on October 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Government Center, 2001 S. State Street, North Building, County Council Chambers.
3. Minor changes to the Trust Lands Plan were approved by the Council. We will now be allocating some funds to cover IB affiliation and training.
4. The schedule for mandatory training sessions for all school community council members was provided.
5. Karianne Prince was selected as Chair of this year's Council.
6. Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 @ 6:45 a.m. in Skyline's Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 11/14/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Minutes:

1. The Council discussed the changes that were recently made to the 2013-2014 Skyline High Trust Land Plan, Goal #3.
 - a. Move \$6,000 from Employee Salaries and Benefits to Professional and Technical Services.
 - b. Move \$25,000 from Carryover Funds to Professional and Technical Services to maintain IB affiliation and provide required IB training for teachers to help them function at the highest level in supporting students to be successful in the program.
 - c. Change the wording in the first action step in Goal #3 from a “mentor coach” to a “teacher”.
 - d. All three proposals were approved by the Board of Education.

2. Next month’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, at 6:45 a.m. in Skyline’s Conference Room.

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12/12/13 Meeting Cancelled

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 1/16/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Emily Allison

1. Mr. Bingham reviewed student CRT scores from last spring.
 - a. Skyline's Language Arts scores are excellent, and consistently higher than the state average.
 - b. Skyline's science scores are good, with 70% of students showing proficiency. Our scores took a dip in 2011, but seem to be recovering.
 - c. Skyline's mathematics scores continue to be problematic.
 - i. With only 30% of our mathematics students being tested, our scores don't give an accurate picture of our overall mathematics proficiency; our higher-level students aren't tested.
 - ii. This year's CRT tests will include Secondary Math III for the first time, which should help increase our proficiency scores.
 - iii. The ASAP program does help students raise their classroom grade, but the improvement doesn't seem to carry over into CRT proficiency.
 - iv. We are looking at some new approaches for helping struggling math students.
2. The State has now mandated that every high school junior take the ACT test, and it will be the state benchmark measurement for college readiness. The test will be administered on March 4, 2014.
3. All Utah high schools now have free access to the Shmoop Program.
 - a. Shmoop includes online test review modules for the ACT test, and this is free to students. We will encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.
 - b. Shmoop also offers test review modules for AP exams. There is a small fee for students to access this material.
 - c. A Shmoop representative will be coming to faculty meeting on January 27 to present information about the review modules. Council members are invited to attend and learn more about the program.
 - d. Mr. Bingham will send login information to Council members so they can review the program.
4. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 @ 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 2/13/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira

Excused:

Karianne Prince

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the January Community Council meeting were reviewed, approved and seconded.
2. Next year's proposed Trust Land Plan is due in late March. Mr. Bingham will email the current plan and proposed changes to Council members for their review. Proposed changes will address our most critical academic needs.
3. The Shmoop (ACT Test prep program) representative should be in our area again soon, and we will try to arrange for her to present information to the Council. We may need to reschedule our Council meeting to accommodate her schedule.
4. The first SAGE tests (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence) will be given starting in March.
 - a. SAGE tests measure application of knowledge, a very different approach than the students are used to.
 - b. All SAGE testing will be conducted online, and it will include many innovative testing techniques.
 - c. Training tests are available online (www.sageportal.org), and teachers will work to familiarize students with this new exam format. It is likely that many students will struggle with this new type of testing.
 - d. SAGE testing and AP exams will overlap in May. We are trying to schedule SAGE testing after AP exams, but we won't be able to do this in all cases.
5. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014 at 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 3/13/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Kim Paulding

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the February Community Council meeting were reviewed, approved and seconded.
2. Hall of Fame Nominations
 - a. It's time to begin the nomination process for our annual Hall of Fame award.
 - b. Mr. Bingham provided copies of resumes for several potential candidates, and additional suggestions are welcome. The Council will review and vote before the end of the school year.
3. Land Trust Plan for 2014-2015: Land Trust monies are to be used to meet our most urgent academic needs. Our needs are:
 - a. Mathematics: We are currently funding a Secondary Math II Essentials class, which allows struggling math students to be in math class every day to catch them up.
 - b. Failing Students: We are currently funding ASAP (After School Achievement Plan) which provides after-school time for failing students to receive extra help. We are also funding two trackers to follow up with the academic and attendance problems of at-risk students.
 - c. Attrition in IB Program: We are currently funding a coach/mentor to provide support to struggling IB students.
 - d. Our "wish list" for next year would include all items above, plus: additional teacher professional development; supplies for science teachers; expanded Schmoop access; classroom sets of I-pads.
 - e. Mr. Bingham will organize a new Land Trust Plan according to Council suggestions and email the Plan to members.
 - f. All Council members should review the plans of other schools to familiarize themselves with the process and generate new ideas.
4. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2014 at 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 4/8/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Kim Paulding

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Visitors:

Allison Arunski (Shmoop Representative), Sara Schneider (Skyline Math Teacher)

Minutes:

1. This month's meeting was rescheduled to accommodate the presence of our Shmoop representative, Allison Arunski.
2. The basic Shmoop program is currently available free of charge to all Utah high school students to prep for the ACT test.
3. Skyline is considering using some TrustLand money to purchase access to additional Shmoop products. Ms. Arunski presented an online overview of the Shmoop products.
 - a. With the upgraded Shmoop subscription, our students could access review sessions for SAT testing, AP testing, and various subject areas.
 - b. Skyline's main focus would be on the math review resources. *NOTE:* Shmoop covers Common Core math subjects, but does not use the Integrated Common Core approach.
4. Community Council members and Sara Schneider (Skyline Math Teacher) were impressed with the Shmoop product, but had some questions about its application at Skyline.
 - a. Will Shmoop math reviews meet the needs of our struggling students?
 - b. Will the reviews cover the concepts that we are required to teach in the Integrated Common Core?
 - c. Will teachers have the time and resources to prepare individualized review sessions for struggling math students?
 - d. Will computers be available for students to complete the review sessions?
5. Council members agreed that we need to try new interventions for struggling math students, and Shmoop may be the answer for some students. Council is willing to fund expanded Shmoop access for the coming school year.
6. Next Community Council meeting will be May 8, 2014 at 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.