

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 10/9/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Visitor:

Chris Krueger

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Matt Wells

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2014-2015 Skyline Community Council.
 - Council members were reminded to attend Community Council training.
 - A schedule of Council meeting dates was distributed, and it will also be posted on the Skyline web page.
 - Council members' names, email addresses and phone numbers will also be posted on the web page.
 - Ian Collison was elected as Council Chair and Kim Paulding as Vice Chair, both by unanimous vote.
2. Council reviewed 2013-2014 Trustland expenditures, including double-blocked math, paraprofessional trackers, and ASAP (After School Achievement Plan). Mr. Bingham will submit the final report as required by law.
 - Skyline's proposed 2014-2015 Trustland plan is very similar to last year's plan.
 - One new expenditure included in the 2014-2015 plan is funding for Chromebook carts. Each cart would include a group of 40 Chromebooks, and would be available for teachers to use in classrooms. Council approved further research into Chromebook capabilities and practicality for testing purposes.
3. Chris Krueger, Skyline's IB Coordinator, presented information supporting the move of 9th graders into Skyline.
 - New sophomores don't seem to be ready for the rigor of Skyline's honors classes. Having 9th grade honors classes taught here would allow us to make sure students were adequately prepared for the honors track/AP/IB in 10th – 12th grades.
 - Both Salt Lake City School District and Canyons School District have a 9th – 12th grade configuration for high school. We are losing a lot of students to those districts.
 - Including 9th grade at Skyline would help keep our enrollment numbers up. Both of our feeder junior highs have noticed decreased enrollment numbers in the last few years.
 - Council voted to approve further investigation and discussion of moving 9th grade students into Skyline High School.
4. Next Community Council meeting scheduled for November 13, 6:45 a.m., in Skyline's Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 11/13/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Visitor:

Ryan Oaks

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Joe Pereira

Minutes:

1. Mr. Bingham was prepared to present Skyline SAGE testing results by accessing the sageportal.org website.
 - Unfortunately, the website was down, so he was unable to give the full presentation.
 - Bottom Line: There was a 40% statewide drop compared to 2013 CRT scores.
 - Teachers can now go into test results to see what is working and what is not.
2. Chromebooks
 - Because we didn't purchase the Schmoop or Aleks test-prep programs last year, we have some Land Trust money available to purchase Chromebooks.
 - Chromebooks can be used for research as well as testing. They would give us much-needed flexibility during testing periods.
 - It was proposed that we purchase three or four Chromebook carts at \$28,000 each. Each cart includes 40 Chromebooks.
 - Council members in attendance voted unanimously to purchase the Chromebook carts. Mr. Bingham will move forward with the order.
3. Council is looking at ways to strengthen and increase Skyline enrollment in the future.
 - One way to increase enrollment would be to move 9th graders into Skyline.
 - Ryan Oaks, currently Assistant Principal at Skyline High, was an Assistant Principal at Granger High when they moved 9th graders up into that high school. He reported that the move was carefully prepared for, but the change was very successful. Most of the anticipated problems did not materialize.
 - Mr. Bingham will meet with the principals of Wasatch and Churchill to bring them into the process.
 - Council members were encouraged to discuss the issues with community residents.
4. The next Community Council meeting will be December 11, 2014, 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 12/11/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Visitor:

Lynda Tierney (Assistant Principal), representing Principal Bingham

Excused:

Doug Bingham

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the October and November Community Council meetings were unanimously approved.
2. Ian Collison prepared and presented Rules of Order and Procedure for the Skyline Community Council. After review, Council members unanimously accepted and approved the document.
3. SAGE Testing Results
 - The SAGE website is still not working correctly due to an unresolved programming issue, so parents are not able to access their children's scores.
 - Upon request, Assistant Principals can look the scores up and give a hard copy to a student's parent.
 - Next year, when we have two years of SAGE results to consider, we will be better able to see if double blocking in math classes is truly effective.
4. Extended Learning Time (ELT)
 - A Granite School District committee is looking at various options for ELT.
 - The committee is looking for accountability in the various ELT options, making sure each student would be accounted for during ELT time.
5. 9th Grade Integration Into High School
 - Community Council members are hearing concerns from some patrons about possible 9th grade integration into high school.
 - In the coming months, we need to do a good job of informing our patrons of the pros and cons of 9th grade integration.
 - It is important to remember that teachers are a vital part of the Skyline community, and their comments are always welcome.
 - Mr. Bingham is meeting with the principals of our network schools next week to discuss 9th grade options.
6. Assistant Principal Lynda Tierney presented information about Granite Education Foundation's Excel Awards. Nominations must be submitted online at Granitekids.org/Excel by December 19, 2014.
7. Next Community Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 6:45 a.m., in the Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 1/15/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Jami Hutchins, Matt Wells

Visitors:

Joe Rogan (Teacher)
Ted Frederick (Parent)
Susan Parker (Parent)

Excused:

Diane Bunker

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and the visitors introduced themselves.
2. Emily Allison made a motion to accept the December minutes as presented. Karianne Prince seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham updated the Council that the discussion about moving 9th grade to Skyline has started and that a lot of information gathering has begun.
 - Churchill is seeing much lower enrollment due to the changes made in Canyons School District.
 - Moving the 9th graders to Skyline would allow for more class schedule choices.
 - Guest Susan Parker (parent) asked what would happen to enrollment at junior highs if 9th grade moved to Skyline. Mr. Bingham responded that the junior highs are looking at the possibilities of moving 6th grade up to junior high.
 - Guest Ted Frederick (parent) wanted the Council to know that he is very supportive of 9th grade moving to Skyline High School. In his words, "The change cannot be made fast enough."
 - Mr. Bingham outlined the path for discussion of this topic. He stated that a list of pros and cons have been created by the school Principals (included on the back side of the meeting agenda). All of the school community councils have been asked to review it and add to it and provide comments and feedback by the February meeting. A vote of the Community Councils will be held in March to see if the discussion should proceed or if more information needs to be gathered at that time.
 - Matt Wells requested that the issue of teaching certifications for teachers moving up to middle school be added to the pro/con list for consideration.
4. Lisa Mietchen updated the Council on her efforts in working with the school administration and the Athletic Coaches about consistent branding for Skyline.
 - The color and design options were presented (a flying eagle, an eagle head and an S logo). The specific Pantone colors were also given.
 - After much discussion, Mr. Bingham informed the Council that he will be implementing the use of these logos and colors only during next school year for new orders of logo wear and uniforms.
 - Lisa Mietchen was thanked for her very generous donation of time to take on this task of helping the school with a consistent branding approach.
5. Mr. Rogan (Skyline drama teacher) joined the meeting and updated the Council about the spring school play "Is He Dead" by Mark Twain and adapted by Mark Ives. It is a comedic farce about a destitute artist that fakes his own death to increase the value of his paintings, dons a dress and reappears as his long-lost, imaginary twin sister. The play was done at Pioneer Theater Company in 2009 and is currently being produced at Hale Center Theater.
 - There was discussion by the Council about the appropriateness of a play that contains suicide, given the recent death at Skyline.

- Mr. Bingham asked for a vote to see if the play should be produced at Skyline. The Council voted in favor of producing the play but Joe Pereira voted against it. The Council told Mr. Rogan to go ahead with the show.
6. 2015-2016 Trust Land Plan
 - The Council can vote to use up to 5% of the funds toward an art related project.
 - It was suggested that Skyline look in to fixing the fly system in the Auditorium.
 - Additional items to be included with the plan will be discussed at next month's meeting.
 7. Due to time constraints, it was decided that the Council would review the Mission and Belief Statement at the February meeting.
 8. Next Community Council meeting scheduled for February 12, 2015 6:45 a.m., in Skyline's Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 2/12/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen

Excused:

Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Visitors:

Oliver Schreiber (parent)

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and Oliver Schreiber was introduced.
2. Jami Hutchins made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented. Lisa Mietchen seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham encouraged Council members to review the new Community Council Handbook, especially the Granite District addition on pages 13-17.
4. Ian Collison suggested that we nominate one or more Skyline teachers for the Sorensen Legacy Award, and Council members unanimously supported the suggestion. The award recognizes excellence in the performing and fine arts areas.
5. Mr. Bingham updated the status of the 9-12 configuration discussion.
 - A meeting was held for the principals of Skyline, Churchill Jr. and Wasatch Jr. to discuss the issue.
 - It is now time to present information to the Community Councils of our feeder elementary schools.
 - Oliver Schreiber, parent of an Evergreen Jr. student and former Skyline students, reported that Evergreen Jr.'s Community Council is discussing the 9-12 configuration for their Olympus network.
 - One reason for the Evergreen Jr. push for the 9-12 configuration is the need to provide advanced foreign language instruction for students who have come up through the dual immersion program.
 - Tuesday, February 24 will be the annual Skyline Town Hall meeting with Superintendent Martin Bates. We should be prepared for a larger audience than usual due to the interest in the 9-12 configuration issue. Council members are encouraged to attend.
6. Mr. Bingham encouraged Council members to review and critically consider Skyline's mission and belief statements. Can we use them to guide our future decisions or do changes need to be made in the statements?
7. Skyline has conducted the bullying survey.
 - The survey indicated that Skyline has a relatively low incidence of bullying.
 - We need to educate students on how to handle a bullying situation. They may need a reminder at the beginning of each school year.
 - A Council member indicated that their son had experienced bullying at Skyline, but when he reported it, school administrators handled it quickly and appropriately.
8. Mr. Bingham was prepared to present an online review of last year's SAGE scores, but the website was down. He will send the information on email instead.
9. Mr. Bingham reported that, at the moment, we are down about 25 window permits for next year. We will have a more accurate enrollment count by the end of February.
10. Because our Council meetings are running so long, we may need to schedule extra meetings during the month. Council agreed to attend additional meetings when necessary.
11. Next scheduled Community Council meeting: March 12, 6:45 a.m., Skyline Conference Room

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 3/12/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Joe Pereira, Matt Wells

Visitors:

Laura Peterman

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and Laura Peterman was introduced.
2. Karianne Prince made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Ian Collison seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham presented a summary of how our Trust Land funds have been spent this year and asked Council members to scrutinize the effectiveness of the expenditures. Our overall goals have been to assist at-risk students and improve test scores.
 - Tracking: We estimate that an additional 10-15 at-risk students graduate each year as the result of Linda Clapier's tracking efforts.
 - ASAP Program: The program has been successful in assisting failing students to pull their grades into passing range. As a result, students earn credit for the class, keeping them eligible for graduation. There doesn't seem to be a direct correlation between ASAP and improved test scores.
 - Double Blocked Math Classes: Double blocking has given struggling math students the opportunity to attend math class every school day, rather than every other day as the regular schedule would permit. Twenty-eight students have voluntarily signed up for next year's double-blocked Secondary Math III class, indicating that they find great value in the extra reinforcement.
 - Chromebooks: We have been training teachers so the new Chromebooks can be used for SAGE testing in May. Heidi Williams has restructured the testing schedule, and she was able to pare off two weeks. The Chromebooks will take a lot of pressure off of our computer labs.
4. At the present time, we have 1440 schedule request cards for next school year. If we can maintain this level of enrollment, we probably won't lose any FTE. We have eight teachers leaving at the end of this school year, so we will be looking at a number of staff changes.
5. Birch Drive: Laura Peterman updated the Council regarding safety issues on Birch Drive.
 - Many of our students drive or walk to school along Birch Drive.
 - The street is poorly lit and it has no sidewalks, creating major safety concerns.
 - Community residents are spearheading a campaign to petition Salt Lake County to evaluate and address the safety issues on Birch Drive. Potential solutions could be better lighting, sidewalks and increased police enforcement.
 - Interested parties are encouraged to attend the Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment Public Hearing at the Millcreek Recreation Center on April 8.
6. Sorenson Award: Mr. Bingham reported that Lisa Darling is completing the application.
7. 9-12 Configuration: A discussion meeting will be held on April 1, 6:45 a.m., at Wasatch Jr. High for the elementary, junior high and high school Community Council chairs and principals in Skyline's network.
8. Arts Funding: Trust Land bylaws allow 5% of our funds to be allocated to our arts program, about \$3500 for next year. Council members support using Trust Land funds for this purpose.
9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 6:45 a.m. in Skyline's Conference Room. Date has been changed to avoid conflict with Skyline's accreditation site visit on April 9-10.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 4/8/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Excused:

Joe Pereira

Minutes:

1. Chairman Ian Collison welcomed everyone.
2. Emily Allison made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Kim Paulding seconded. Motion passed.
3. Doug Bingham presented an overview of how Skyline's 2014-2015 Land Trust monies were spent, and summarized how the Community Council proposes to spend the 2015-2016 monies to address our greatest academic needs.

2014-2015

Extra periods in math, science, English

Chromebook purchase

IB subscription & training

After-School Achievement Program

IB teacher mentor

Paraprofessional trackers

2015-2016

Extra periods + arts funding

IB subscription

IB training & travel

After-School Achievement Program

IB teacher mentor

Paraprofessional trackers

4. The Utah Legislature has mandated that school Community Councils review internet safety policies. Council will further address that issue at the May meeting.
5. 9th Grade Issue Update: Information was shared with elementary and junior high school Principals and Community Council Chairs. There is still a good deal of confusion and uncertainty among stakeholders regarding the proposal, so additional information and education needs to be provided.
6. Next meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:45 a.m. in Skyline Conference Room.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 5/14/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Lynda Tierney, Matt Wells

Excused:

Ian Collison

Minutes:

1. Kim Paulding made a motion to accept the March minutes as posted on the web site. Emily Allison seconded. Motion passed.
2. Council members all verified that they had electronically signed the final Land Trust report for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. Football Field Project: The project has been put out to bid again, and bids are due by May 29.
4. Hall of Fame: We have the names of several potential honorees, but we need graduation verification and biography information. Council will vote and select one individual at June meeting.
5. Lynda Tierney reported on the Master Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - We currently have 1437 cards in the system.
 - Granite District has a new scheduling system this year, and the scheduling process has gone well.
 - Because the Council has agreed to use Land Trust monies to fund extra sections of Math II, Math III, Physics and Chemistry next year, the capping of enrollment at 30 will greatly benefit students in those classes.
6. SAGE Testing
 - SAGE testing is proceeding well.
 - Over 50 parents have submitted opt-out forms for their students. This is a significant increase over last year's numbers, and it may end up negatively affecting Skyline's overall scores.
 - The Chromebooks, purchased with Land Trust monies this year, have been very helpful in the testing process. We have been able to shave at least two weeks off of our testing window.
7. Next meeting: Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:00 a.m. at Millcreek Cafe.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 6/1/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Joe Pereira

Minutes:

1. Performing Arts Proposal
 - Joe Rogan, Skyline's Drama teacher, has proposed to produce "Fiddler on the Roof" as the school musical in the fall season, and "Urinetown" as the school play in the spring season.
 - In May, Council members were provided information about both productions. Council members read the scripts and listened to the music.
 - Council members noted that despite the unusual title of the proposed play, the content was appropriate for a high school audience.
 - Karianne Prince proposed that the productions be approved, and Kim Paulding seconded the motion. All Council members were in agreement.
2. Hall of Fame Selections
 - After reviewing the nominees, the Council narrowed the field to two candidates.
 - After much discussion, it was determined that a specific set of selection criteria was needed. Kim Paulding volunteered to draft some criteria, and she will email it to Council members to aid in their evaluation of the final candidates.
 - A final selection vote will take place by email.
3. Football Field
 - Bids for the remodel of the football field came in May 29.
 - Construction will probably begin mid-June.
4. Land Trust Plan
 - Because a few items on our 2015-2016 Land Trust proposal were disallowed, we need to reallocate those funds to other projects.
 - Mr. Bingham will email proposal details to Council members for their input.