

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 10/31/12 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Julia O'Driscoll, Karianne Prince, Loretta Rudd, Oliver Schreiber

Excused:

Sandy Brunnenmeyer, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, John Tatum

Minutes:

1. Karianne Prince was elected as Chairperson of this year's Community Council, and Jami Hutchins was elected as Vice Chairperson.
2. Mr. Bingham reported that he received a telephone call from Thomas Dickerson. Mr. Dickerson's schedule has changed and he will be unable to participate on the Skyline Community Council this year. This creates a parent vacancy on our Council.
3. This year's Council will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 in the Skyline Conference Room. The dates will be: November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8.
4. Mr. Bingham reported on our 2011-2012 SSAP goals.
 - A. Language Arts 10 test scores remained at 97% mastery. Language Arts 11 test scores rose to 98% mastery.
 - B. Algebra 1 test scores jumped 26%, rising from 33% mastery to 59% mastery, an amazing increase. Our strategies – double blocking, tutoring and after-school help – seem to be having a positive effect.
 - C. Geometry test score rose 10%, from 40% to 50% mastery. Our reinforcement strategies seem to be having a positive effect.
 - D. This year we will continue with the reinforcement strategies, and we will again run the ASAP program (mandatory after-school tutoring for students failing at midterm). We are also developing additional positive reinforcement strategies.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2012.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 12/12/12 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Julia O'Driscoll, Karianne Prince, Loretta Rudd

Excused:

Oliver Schreiber, John Tatum

Minutes:

1. UCAS – the State Accountability System
 - a. www.schools.utah.gov, then psd gateway
 - b. Designed to provide assessment and enrollment information about all Utah schools.
 - c. Measures how well students are doing by looking at pass rates on CRT tests. Provides data on Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.
 - Language Arts – 98% Skyline proficiency score, 938 students tested
 - Mathematics – 46% Skyline proficiency score, 435 students tested (based only on our lowest level mathematics students)
 - Science – 67% Skyline proficiency score, 666 students tested
2. Use of Trustland Funds
 - a. We will be starting up ASAP (After School Achievement Program) this quarter to help students who are failing at midterm.
 - b. We have created a Math Help lab class for students who failed the Secondary Math class first quarter.
3. Landscaping
 - a. We have a number of very old, overgrown evergreen bushes that need to be removed.
 - b. Some of the bushes are obscuring the Skyline High sign, and others are a fire hazard, as evidenced by last summer's fire.
 - c. The District has removed the burned bushes, and hopefully will remove others in the near future.
4. New Air Conditioning System
 - a. Getting very close to completion.
 - b. Will need to be fine tuned next spring when we actually use it for the first time.
5. Swimming Pool Showers
 - a. There is no hot water in the swimming pool showers at the present time.
 - b. We are investigating the problem, but don't yet know what is wrong with the system.
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2013.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 1/9/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Julia O'Driscoll, Karianne Prince, Oliver Schreiber, Lynda Tierney

Excused:

Loretta Rudd, John Tatum

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the 12/12/12 meeting read and approved.
2. Security Issues:
 - A. Assistant Principal Lynda Tierney reported on new District security policies.
 - B. There are two types of lockdowns:
 - Soft lockdown – when there is a danger in the general neighborhood, with no immediate threat to Skyline's safety. We will lock all outside doors, with a police officer manning one door to let people in and out when necessary. School will carry on as usual inside the building, but no movement between buildings will be allowed.
 - Hard lockdown – when there is an immediate threat to Skyline's safety. Students in the hall will be pulled into nearest classroom, and all classroom doors will be locked. Outside doors will not be locked so police officers can access the building. Teachers will communicate with administration via email and instant messaging. Everyone will remain in their locked rooms until an administrator or police officer opens the door.
 - C. We will have three more security drills before the end of the school year to make sure staff and students understand lockdown procedures.
3. Update on Trustland Expenditures for 2012-2013 School Year:
 - A. We are again using Trustland money to employ an academic tracker. She follows students' academic progress carefully and teaches them how to organize and be accountable. Last year she worked with 60 students, many of whom would not have graduated without her assistance.
 - B. We are again conducting ASAP (After School Achievement Program) to assist students who are failing at midterm. We are trying to carefully balance accountability and mentoring, using "carrots" to motivate students.
4. Next Community Council meeting has been moved to February 20 so it won't conflict with Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 13.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 2/20/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Karianne Prince, Oliver Schreiber,

Excused:

Julia O'Driscoll, Loretta Rudd, John Tatum

Visitors:

Sandy Brunnenmeyer, Michael Smith

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the 1/9/13 meeting read and approved.
2. Michael Smith, representing One Counts, presented information on new technology for taking opinion surveys.
3. Diane Bunker, Skyline's Sterling Scholar Coordinator, reported that 9 of our 13 Sterling Scholars are finalists in the competition. The winners will be announced in a ceremony on March 13.
4. Mr. Bingham reported that Skyline has six Presidential Scholar Nominees this year, and they are all in the process of completing their applications.
5. Trust Land Program Progress
 - During second term, teachers identified students who were failing at midterm, and 77 of them participated in our after-school tutoring program (ASAP).
 - Twenty-five of the participating students went from failing to passing by the end of the term.
 - We will conduct ASAP again this term, and we will send letters to parents informing them of their student's failing status.
 - Community Council members voted to give teachers a \$25 stipend for calling parents at midterm to personally inform them of their student's failing status. Hopefully this will increase the effectiveness of our ASAP program.
6. We will soon be participating in the Aleks Math pilot program. We have been granted 100 licenses.
7. Oliver Schreiber drafted a letter from the Community Council to thank our State Legislature for the Trust Land Funds. The letter described how we are using the money and the progress we are making.
8. Meeting dismissed at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting: March 13, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 4/10/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Karianne Prince, Loretta Rudd, Oliver Schreiber

Excused:

Julia O'Driscoll, John Tatum

Minutes:

1. Aleks Math Program: We are almost ready to go ahead with the pilot program. We have been granted 100 licenses to begin with.
2. It is time to develop next year's LAND Trust Plan.
 - We will continue to fund tracking, ASAP classes, double-blocking and extra periods to give additional help to struggling students.
 - If the Aleks Math Program proves to be effective, we will purchase more licenses.
 - Mr. Bingham will make changes and additions to the 2013-2014 LAND Trust Plan with suggestions gleaned from the Community Council.
3. Meeting dismissed at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting: May 8, 2013.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 7/1/13 Meeting

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Oliver Schreiber, John Tatum

Excused:

Julia O'Driscoll, Karianne Prince, Loretta Rudd

Minutes:

1. Thanks for a great year.
2. Our Community Council will have three parent seats available for the 2013-2014 school year. The election will be held at Parent/Teacher Conferences in September, and we will include election information in the summer letter that will be mailed in late July.
3. It is time to choose the Hall of Fame nominees that will be honored at Homecoming in September. Doug will email candidate details to Community Council members, and we will conduct the vote via email.
4. Because our District has mandated the purchase of electronic textbooks and the accompanying online resources, the Aleks Math Program may become a moot point. The Community Council may need to reallocate the Trust Land funds that have been earmarked for the Aleks Program.