

Skyline High Community Council Minutes of 12/10/20 Online Meeting

In Attendance:

Katie Dahle, Emeliee Dirks, Malia Groesbeck, Jessica Kerr, Tayler Khater, Kim Lovato, Mitch Nerdin, Monisha Pasupathi, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince, Brodie Reid, Jennie Soulier
Guest: Jackie Carrington

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Emeliee Dirks made a motion to approve the November 12, 2020 Skyline High Community Council Meeting minutes. Brodie Reid seconded the motion. Karianne Prince called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Student-Directed Play

- a. The play *Theory of Relativity* was reviewed by Katie Dahle and Jennie Soulier.
- b. There was an extensive discussion regarding the play.
- c. Jennie Soulier made a motion to request that Mr. Rogan choose another play. Jessica Kerr seconded the motion. Kim Paulding made an amendment to the motion stating that the new play should be appropriate for a ninth grade audience. Jennie Soulier agreed with the amendment and made the motion to request that Mr. Rogan choose another play that is appropriate for a ninth grade audience. Jessica Kerr seconded the motion. Karianne Prince called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Mitch Nerdin will discuss the decision with Mr. Rogan.

3. Land Trust 2020-2021

- a. It was asked if there was a need to amend the 2020-2021 Land Trust Plan. There was not a need to take the extra periods out of Land Trust. The needed extra periods are funded from another account.
- b. It was asked if we were advertising for the tracker positions and a 29-hour position in the Counseling Center. Lynda Tierney will be getting a list of positions and qualifications out to parents in a separate e-mail. It was asked if we could send the information to feeder schools. This may not be possible since there are many unfilled positions at all levels.
- c. The teachers were asked how the Council could better support them.
 - i. Jackie Carrington mentioned that getting the additional position filled will be a great help so that the phones are answered after the current clerk leaves.
 - ii. Teachers mentioned that they feel very supported by the Council and the administration. Comradery is high among teachers right now. New teachers feel supported. A mentor teacher mentioned that he has only heard very positive things from the teachers with which they are working. Another teacher said they had been at Skyline twenty years and never felt more supported, they love working here. They realize now how much parents do for their students and appreciate them even more. Appreciation was expressed of the Council and their work since the first new building plans were set forth. Love of the parents and the community was expressed and the teacher said that they felt they were valued.
 - iii. The Council expressed appreciation for all of the efforts of the teachers, staff, and administration.

4. New Building

- a. The football stadium is down.
- b. The Skyline New Building Sub-Committee met recently with the District building team.
 - i. Saving money and speeding up the process was discussed.
 - ii. Construction now goes through 2026.
 - iii. Don Adams is going back to the drawing board to see how money and time can

- be saved.
 - iv. The pool and gym facilities will be finished, then the cafeteria and gym will be demolished leaving the auditorium.
 - v. Speeding up the process is difficult because we don't have space on the campus for portable classrooms.
 - c. When information is received, it will be forwarded to the Council in a meeting or by e-mail.
 - d. GSDfuture.org has been updated.
 - e. The Council expressed gratitude to Dan Lofgren for going to bat for the improvements to the exterior building view on the west side. The design is awesome!
 - f. Homeowners care about money and time but the District representative seems to be defending the additional money and time instead of watching it.
 - g. The football stadium came down later than expected because our team did really well this year.
 - h. Once the turf carpet was pulled up, the ground under the carpet – especially in the north endzone showed that water had not been draining properly. Large trucks were brought in to drive over the area but it still has too much water. They may need to pull out five feet of dirt, replace the drainage system, and bring in new dirt.
 - i. When the pool was started they did not have core drilling sample information. The high water levels in the soil have caused a three month delay. This delay is not uncommon. There is a large, 16-foot elevation change from one side of the building to the other side.
 - j. The District is not moving to a shortened construction schedule. One to three months delay have been added here and there. The Sub-Committee will keep working on it.
 - k. It was discovered that there was an issue not having a scoreboard for soccer games at a previous meeting. It was asked that if anyone knows of something like this, please contact Karianne Prince, Kim Paulding, and Mitch Nerdin so they can push back on these things. The Community Council wants to reach out to the community, they want to know the issues.
 - l. The auditorium has been a pain in the design process. Performances at Wasatch, Churchill, and in the community have been discussed. Taking down the current auditorium early might gain three months but the program will be disrupted by five years.
 - m. Phasing is the reason for the long schedule.
 - i. One year from this March, all P.E. and Athletics will be in the new building. Two years later, most of the academic space will be finished.
 - ii. Students will be experiencing new spaces earlier than 2026.
 - iii. The thought is that 2026 is far away.
 - iv. The new baseball field and other buildings will be exciting for the students and community to see.
 - 1. Community events were discussed
 - 2. The baseball field and new athletic facilities are milestones in the construction process.
 - 3. Could we contact Ben Horsley and request a virtual open house?
 - 4. Could students facilitate virtual tours?
 - 5. Could these be fundraisers for sports and activities?
 - 6. Could the SBO's produce the videos?
 - 7. It was mentioned that the Millcreek City updates have been very successful and might be a good example to review.
 - 8. Could the yearbook class be part of this process?
 - n. The Skyline New Building Sub-Committee is comprised of Karianne Prince, Kim Paulding, Syd Lott, Tayler Khater, John Garff, Dan Lofgren, and Mitch Nerdin.
 - o. New large, printed plans have not yet been received showing the interior and the

exterior of the buildings. Mitch Nerdin will request that new plans be delivered to the school to be posted in the faculty room.

- p. Jessica Kerr and Brodie Reid took inventory of important items that should be kept at the new Skyline High School from the current buildings and campus. Many alumni have been contacted and met with and they feel they are on a good path.
5. Failure Rate
- a. The pandemic is playing a part in the higher failure rate among Skyline students.
 - b. Principal Nerdin is working on this issue with the Leadership Team.
 - c. Each teacher is working class by class to create the bare minimum requirements for passing each class.
 - d. The plan is to try to get students across the finish line and not put their graduation at risk.
 - e. Teachers must maintain their stellar instructing while helping struggling students.
 - f. Skyline has always been academically successful. We don't want to leave students behind. Teachers will be providing ways to pass classes so students can stay on course.
 - g. Each department is unique and their approach may be a little different.
 - h. We want to provide opportunities for those students who would pass if COVID was not here.
 - i. Skyline's failure rate is still better than other schools in the District.
 - j. It was asked if trackers (paraeducators) could be engaged virtually to work hand-in-hand with Credit Recovery teachers.
 - k. A survey of 900 students was performed. Most students said that they would not answer if they received a call from the school. They did, however, say they would watch a video that was sent to them.
 - l. Contacting parents directly has not been successful.
 - m. Credit Recovery
 - i. Credit Recovery fees were discussed. There have been times when two-for-one options have been offered to students who need to complete several packets.
 - ii. The current fee for each packet is \$25.00. Changing the fee was discussed but it was decided to keep it the same for now. The decision to waive or reduce fees will be made as needed and fees will be waived when appropriate.
 - iii. Credit Recovery numbers are higher than they have ever been. Credits are working well. Students are getting the Credit Recovery packets done. Smart students who would not normally fail classes have experienced failing classes.
 - iv. There are always a handful of students who do not engage. Phone calls, home visits, and e-mails are utilized but sometimes there is still no response. Victoria Hatton, School Psychologist, is involved regarding non-engaged students.
 - v. There has been good participation. Half of the Credit Recovery students are distance learners.
6. Virtual Course Selection
- a. Skyline is working to build a virtual course selection process. This will move the former "registration card" to an online format with videos to guide users.
7. School Improvement Plan
- a. This process will begin in January or February 2021.
8. Community Feedback
- a. There were concerns voiced from the community that teachers were not doing live lectures. It was thought that the District made this decision, however, schools can make the decision regarding live and recorded lectures.
9. The next Community Council meeting was scheduled for January 14, 2021, however, due to school not being in session that day, it was decided that the next meeting will be held on January 21, 2021.

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 21, 2021