

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 9/22/21 Meeting

In Attendance:

Juan Arce-Larreta, Katie Dahle, Malia Groesbeck, Alisa Hamblin, Kylee Joyce, Jessica Kerr, Kim Lovato, Mitch Nerdin, Karianne Prince, Brodie Reid, Alexander Smith

Guest: Tim Mundt

Excused: Monisha Pasupathi

1. Introductions
 - a. All attendees introduced themselves.
2. Elections
 - a. The election process was discussed.
 - b. There are a certain number of seats for parents and they serve for two years. Half of the Council is elected every year.
 - c. Employees are elected by their peers at the school.
 - d. The Principal is the only person that is appointed to the Council.
3. Leadership
 - a. The roles of the Council Leadership was discussed.
 - b. Katie Dahle nominated Karianne Prince to be the Council Chair. Karianne Prince nominated Katie Dahle to be Vice Chair. Brodie Reid made a motion to elect Karianne Prince as the Skyline Community Council Chair and Katie Dahle as the Vice Chair. Juan Arce-Larreta seconded the motion. Karianne Prince called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
4. ASL Play
 - a. One of the requirements for all of the schools in our District is that plays are approved by the Community Council.
 - b. ASL Teacher, Jody Lynn Tolley, has asked that the Council review the play she would like to do this year.
 - c. Alisa Hamblin and Katie Dahle volunteered to review the play.
 - d. It was mentioned that there is a new teacher for Drama this year, Michelle Yamazaki, who is doing a great job. More than 100 students tried out for the musical this year and production is well under way. Mr. Rogan has moved over to work with Stage Crew and is doing a great job and is very supportive.
5. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Malia Groesbeck made a motion to approve the June 10, 2021 Skyline High Community Council Meeting minutes. Brodie Reid seconded the motion. Karianne Prince called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously with new members abstaining from the vote because they were not present for the meeting.
6. Meeting Schedule
 - a. The proposed meeting schedule was discussed. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.
 - b. The meeting schedule will be posted on the Skyline Community Council Website and can be accessed through the Skyline App.

7. Roster
 - a. The roster was discussed and a correction was made. A new roster will be sent out to the Council.
8. Phishing Scam
 - a. Council Members need to be aware that there is a phishing scam where Council Members receive e-mails from an e-mail that looks like the Principal's. However, if you look at the actual e-mail address, not just the name on the e-mail address, it is not a Granite School District address. These e-mails ask the Council Members to purchase something for the Principal. Mitch Nerdin let the Council know that he will not ask Council Members to purchase things.
9. Safe Technology
 - a. Principal Nerdin stated that he wanted to get some feedback from the Community Council regarding safe technology. Three items were discussed.
 - i. Class by class small group trainings
 - ii. Assemblies
 1. Skyline has changed the way that assemblies are conducted. There are two assemblies held, each accommodating half of the student body.
 2. Assemblies may get basic information out to students but smaller groups may be better served on this situation.
 - iii. Safe Schools Training
 1. There are a series of training videos available through Granite School District about digital citizenship including bullying, social media etiquette, and other items. The videos are about 10 minutes each and Brodie Reid stated that he shows them to his Freshman Success classes.
 - b. It was stated that teaching students to use technology safely is important and valuable
 - c. Safe technology training methods were discussed.
 - d. Mitch Nerdin will work on this item and discuss it at the next Community Council meeting.
10. Land Trust
 - a. One of the functions of the Community Council is to determine how to spend the funds allocated to our school through the Land Trust administration.
 - b. Mitch Nerdin stated that the Land Trust plan is a sub-set of the overall School Improvement Plan that includes other funding. Mr. Nerdin wants to articulate to the Council what that overall vision is for the school and then convey what is included in the Land Trust Plan.
 - c. Mr. Nerdin will always communicate and get approval regarding the Land Trust Plan but will also discuss the other funding including the Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) and American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.
 - d. Land Trust has three goals for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - i. Raise proficiency rates on the three tested subjects: Math, English, and Science.
 - ii. Increase graduation rate. Our graduation rate is high but it can be improved. This is the measurement of success.
 - iii. Increase rigorous course-taking by students. We are looking to increase AP programs, IB programs and CTE pathways, not just the classes but the pathways that include several CTE classes.
 - iv. These are all components of the grades that schools receive.

- e. The requirements for the Regents scholarship were discussed.
 - f. Course offerings are always directed by student requests and teacher qualifications.
 - g. English courses were discussed. Mitch Nerdin will discuss options with the English Department.
 - h. Social/Emotional Learning
 - i. If social/emotional learning is enhanced, all three goals should be positively affected.
 - ii. Half of the salary for our full-time Psychologist comes from Land Trust funding.
 - iii. Funding for half of the salary for a full-time Social Worker was planned but the District has decided to fund that position. However, it has been a challenge to hire for this position. We currently have a temporary, part-time person assigned to Skyline.
 - iv. There was a discussion about the Social Worker position.
 - i. RISE Ambassadors
 - i. RISE stands for Resilience, Integrity, Support and Excellence.
 - ii. The RISE Ambassadors are a group of students that is comprised of Community of Caring students, Student Body Officers, HOPE Squad members, and a few additional students to ensure that we have diversity in the group. These students champion RISE.
 - iii. RISE Ambassadors provide monthly activities that are heavy on fun and also offer some instruction in one of the areas of RISE. This month is Resilience (R), next month will be Integrity (I).
 - iv. The PTSA is working with the RISE Ambassadors, Student Body Officers, and the Administration to offer the Great Lunches program where guest speakers present at lunchtime in the auditorium and pizza is provided for lunch. We had about 250 kids attend the first events. We have two lunches so there are two smaller groups. The speaker needs to present during each lunch. These are motivational and skill building events.
 - v. There is a video being created every month that will be shown during morning announcements that helps students build skills.
 - j. Teacher/Staff Training
 - i. Trainings are being reviewed that will offer strategies that teachers can infuse into their teaching.
 - ii. There is a program that is being reviewed that can help assess the needs of students.
 - k. Community Involvement
 - i. It was mentioned that it has been found that the best way to support students' social/emotional health is to involve the community.
 - l. The Council Members were encouraged to review the Land Trust Plan and the School Improvement Plan. These can both be found on the Community Council website.
 - m. The new Land Trust Plan is written in the springtime for the next school year.
 - n. It was asked which students are not graduating and not taking rigorous courses e.g.: students out of boundary or in boundary? There was a discussion regarding this issue.
11. Appreciation
- a. Appreciation was expressed for the value of the Skyline Community Council. It has been so important, especially recently with the new building and the pandemic. The Land Trust funding has been so beneficial for the students and the school.

12. New Building

a. New Building Sub-Committee

- i. The New Building Sub-Committee's job is to consult with the District throughout the building process.
- ii. At the start of the new building process, a plan for the new building was presented to the teachers and the community. The response was not positive and a new plan was created. It was decided that a sub-committee would be appointed by the Community Council that ensures that the community's needs are being met.
- iii. The New Building Sub-Committee operates under the of the direction of the Community Council. The Sub-Committee attends meetings and reports back to the Community Council.
- iv. There was a time when the Community Council was invited to meet weekly with the architects and the builder.
- v. Adding a new member to the Sub-Committee was discussed. It was decided that adding a new member should wait until after a meeting that Mitch and Karianne are attending with the Superintendent and some of the Board leadership. It was decided that adding another member would be discussed at the next Community Council meeting.

b. Parking

- i. The lot on the southwest corner will go away about half-way through the school year.
- ii. The staging area for construction is currently on the fields at the northwest corner of the campus. The staging area will move to the southwest corner taking over the parking lot.
- iii. We did not have as many students parking in the parking lot last year because of distance learning.
- iv. The new faculty parking lot on the east side of the building is a temporary lot, it was quickly built and will go away.
- v. There is still a contract with church on Craig Drive to use the parking lot but it is not being used.
- vi. We have been strategic about the parking passes, however, the parking on Virginia Way does not require parking passes so many can park there.
- vii. Parking passes are sold to seniors and juniors. They are also sold to sophomores on a small, case-by-case basis.
- viii. We did try to let people know that there would not be enough parking spaces.
- ix. The drop-off area is difficult right now. It will change going forward. The drop-off route will not exit onto Upland Drive, it will exit back onto Virginia Way.
- x. A round-about is also scheduled to be added at the intersection of Virginia Way and Upland Drive.
- xi. Eventually there will be another parking lot that enters and exits onto Upland Drive.
- xii. Moving the staging area to the southwest parking lot allows us to get our turf field, grass field, and softball field much earlier.
- xiii. It was mentioned that the parking has been difficult at Skyline for many years. There was also praise for the new parking lot design.

c. Football Stadium

- i. The football stadium ribbon cutting was held celebrating the completion of the stadium.

- ii. The bleachers had some issues that are being fixed.
- iii. The current student section of the stadium does not work. Previously there was enough room in front of the bleachers for people to walk by but now there is not enough room. The student section will be moved to the north end of the bleachers.
- d. Rolling ribbon cuttings will continue to be held as new areas of the campus are completed.
- e. The new buildings will be 81% complete in three years. That is exciting.

Next Meeting – October 14, 2021, Skyline High Conference Room, 6:45 a.m.