

# East High SCC Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm  
Glendale Community Learning Center  
1388 Navajo Street, SLC. UT 84104

Attendance (Community Members): Becky Cisneros-Cox (chair), Elizabeth Florence, Eric Thompson, Rebecca Fredrick, Kristien McDonald, Karla Jimenez-Gonzalez, T. Richard Davis

Attendance (Faculty Members): Pam Pedersen, Lance Taylor, Nikki K. Dinas, Julie Anzlemo, Kevin Waite, Lynette Yorgason

## **1. Becky Cisneros-Cox**

### **a. Welcome**

### **b. Review and approve minutes from March**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **c. Discuss who will be leaving SCC after this school year**

Eric Thompson will be leaving this next year, as well as Donna Bates. Elizabeth Florence will be here next year. We will have one more SCC meeting on zoom this year, and then we need to start thinking about next year and if anyone wants to be the chair next year. Becky wondered if we should do the elections in the fall or at the end of this school year. It's helpful to hold the elections in May at the next meeting so we can have a functioning group through the summer. We need to read the rules online to see what the process is.

Pam read that there must be at least two more parents than employees. The principal must provide notice of an election at least 10 days in advance of the election. This all needs to be done by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Eric Thompson motioned to provide notice now to the public that the SCC needs members and positions filled and people should apply for an election at the May meeting. Elizabeth Florence seconded the motion.

Let's decide what positions are open: Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, and then members at large. Employees vote for employees, and parents vote for the parent positions.

Karla Jimenez suggested we provide job descriptions for the SCC positions. The chair has trainings and a few meetings, and sets the agenda. One of the hardest things about SCC is getting people to show up to the meetings and to stay with the commitment. Becky said she would also like to have more equal

representation –there are a lot more parents from the east side and not enough on the west side. Eric suggested starting with the sports coaches (sports are a very inclusive group) and having them encourage parents to be involved in the school. Pam suggested that Lance can send something to all the coaches with a flyer for every team member, and they also have parents' emails. Bonnie could be a great resource to reach out to parents as well.

Rick Davis said that Jenny Sika is invested in the district, and Rich Kafusi. Perhaps they could both help recruit from their communities as well. Kristien suggested that each person who is interested in participating in SCC provide a small bio. It was decided to hold the elections at the next SCC meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at East High which was scheduled to be via zoom, but we will change it to in-person.

## **2. Lance Taylor**

### **a. Fundraising requests**

The orchestra wants to do a mattress fundraiser. They recently did one at Tooele High School and they sold 50 mattresses and got a check for over \$11,000. They will do a save the date, and sell the same mattresses you can buy in the store, but with reduced overhead, those proceeds instead go to the orchestra. They earn up to 50% of the profits after putting some toward marketing costs. They are proposing to do it May 12<sup>th</sup> where they will set up in the school and people can come shop for a mattress.

Their goal is \$10,000 - \$15,000 to repair instruments and help cover tour costs. There will be 28 different mattress styles and types to choose from ranging in cost from \$200 - \$4,000. Most will be between \$500 and \$1,000. They can be delivered or picked up. The fundraiser was approved.

## **3. Marissa Zuchetto / Malynda Ivory**

### **a. Upcoming Events / Calendar**

Malynda Ivory, is no longer at East. She has taken a position as a special-ed teacher. So we are definitely missing her! Pam provided her report:

It is Spirit Week! Today was bring a non-backpack backpack (one student brought a tire!) Tomorrow is jerseys, Wednesday is dress matching with a friend. We are hosting some fun activities at lunch and a spirit assembly on Friday. We will announce winners next week. We have 6-7 sporting events each day right now.

We have been doing ASPIRE testing (reading was first, then science, then language arts will be next week). It's been much more manageable breaking it up by topic. There is a musical coming up (Beauty and the Beast will be the last week of April and

the last performance will be a matinee on the day of prom). There are many music-related concerts.

#### **4. Nikki Dinas**

##### **a. SIC Report**

The format for Connections will change to once a week, and be a longer period for at least 40-50 minutes for the minimum SEL district requirement. It will be more check-ins and announcement-focused with short SEL lessons. The other high schools will try to do it the same day. August 30<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school and the last day of school will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Break will start right after Christmas.

Connections will likely be either Tuesday or Thursdays of each week. Asynchronous days will be next year, but much better planned out. We want to change Connections to one large block versus two smaller ones because they didn't seem as useful and it was a bit disruptive. Some kids would be late and then only catch about 15 minutes. Lynette Yorgason said out of 899 students who responded to the survey, more kids actually liked Connections than didn't. In general, they may not think it's fun, but it's helpful. They like the check-ins, relationship with a teacher, some time to catch up on homework, etc. The one-time chunk will help make it more impactful. The one thing students said they hope never changes is that they have one teacher who is aware of them.

#### **5. Bonnie O'Brien**

##### **a. Student Government**

Bonnie was not present at the meeting, however, we all know she is super busy with Spirit Week.

#### **6. Pam Pedersen**

##### **a. Principals Report**

##### **b. Land Trust Information**

We had a great committee meeting of SCC members since the last SCC meeting who met to help establish some land trust goals and it was exciting. The main parts include:

1. Achieve 90% graduation rate. Last three years it's been just under 90%. (\$74,000)
  - We will focus on student engagement and improving attendance
  - Students who attend class regularly (on time) have a higher chance of graduating.
  - Increase students attending on time by 20% compared to this past year.

- We will share data on student attendance every month with families.
  - We will teach engagement strategies to our teachers.
  - We will hire advocates who will mentor students to get to class.
  - We will hire a full-time Glendale counselor to work as a transition from Glendale to East. We will have this position do 2 years at East and then 2 years back at Glendale. The HR dept was very supportive of this idea.
  - Professional development for teachers, paying for after-hours time , etc.
2. Focus on math interim scores (live data point) and then re-teaching right away. We want to take this year's scores and see a 15% increase next year. (\$98,000)
- We will use the benchmark for this May.
  - We will interim test 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders three times a year.
  - We will hire another math teacher and expand team-teaching opportunities.
  - Teachers will work in labs before, after school, and lunch times for students who are doing sports after school, but still need extra help.
3. Increase Reading scores (\$104,800)
- We have one reading teacher right now, and 50% of our students are not proficient.
  - We will hire an additional reading teacher to help with 1,900 students.
  - Increase AVID reading strategies and do trainings among teachers.

High school students do not like to go to a specific reading class, so this year's reading teacher has supported students during their language arts class. This plan was put together by many members of

This plan is due next week. A motion was made and seconded to approve the land trust plan as presented by Pam. The land trust plan was approved.

The district school board is trying to recruit a student board member. The new leadership wants every school to apply. The application deadline is this week. This is a great experience for anyone available to commit to it.

## **7. Salt Lake School Board Member**

### **a. School Board update**

We did not have a member of the school board present at the meeting to provide a report.

**8. Kevin Waite**

**a. School Counseling Advisory**

The counseling center is finishing meetings with all the 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Next week they will roll out a new program funded by the state called U-Science that provides an interest inventory, college prep, and career readiness for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. It is great for career exploration and provides personality tests all based on CTE classes. The counselors will roll it out into the other grades in future years. Currently another major focus of the counseling center is helping the seniors push to the end.

**9. Suzi Grant**

**a. PTSA Report**

Rebecca Frederick provided the report on behalf of Suzi. Rebecca is the PTSA President-Elect and will take over for Suzi next year. She has met with the board eight times in the last two months to figure out where the weak spots are and to fill in great new people for critical roles. Tori Bergstrom will be greatly missed, but we have a new Treasurer (Suzanne Kingsford) and Membership Chair (Caroline Louie). PTSA had a meeting last Tuesday that was rescheduled last minute, so it is rescheduled for tomorrow at 10 am. They are looking to help cover the end of year plans with a grant that fell through. Lance said he reached out to student government to get help communicate with PTSA (student government wants to plan a senior night event). Do we need money for a graduation activity? Yes! If the school can help pay for busses, that's already a huge help.

PTSA is about \$3,800 from the Love East fundraiser goal of \$15,000.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved at 8:17 pm.