

East High School SCC Minutes for Thursday, September 9, 2021
Zoom Conference Call - 5:30

Community Members in Attendance: Becky Cisneros-Cox (chair), Malynda Ivory Elizabeth Florence, Donna Bates, Eric Thompson, Suzi Grant, Kristien McDonald

Faculty Members in Attendance: Pam Pedersen, Anne Martin
Bonnie O'Brien, Julie Anzelmo, Anne Martin, Kevin Waite

Board Members Present- Nate Salazar and Mohammed Baayd (also a parent)

1. Becky Cisneros-Cox

a. Welcome

Becky read the by laws and guideline regarding SCC

b. Discuss minutes from May 2021 (they were not ready yet so they were tabled to be reviewed and approved for the October mtg) will approve May and Septembers at the Oct mtg.

c. Election for SCC Chair, SCC Chair Elect and SCC Secretary- we need to hold elections for the listed positions, but Becky would like to hold off today. She would like to get the word out about SCC, to encourage more parent participation and have more zip codes represented. And we also need to have more than two faculty present from the school.

Elizabeth Florence stated that we have struggled in the past 3-4 year even when she was SCC chair, so at this point we shouldn't limit the number of parents who would like to be on SCC. Having too many would be a good problem to have and then we will have to adhere to the bylaws as to those who can vote on things.

Becky motioned to hold off the SCC elections to further promote SCC and gather more members, the motion was seconded by Eric Thompson and all approved.

2. Pam Pedersen

a. Principals Report- Pam asked for those in attendance to put in the chat the time frame of when having SCC absolutely wouldn't work for people. And if they were still good with the rotation of at East versus at Glendale CLC each month.

b. Pam stated she was a "happy and proud 6 week principal of East High" her reflections: we can tell that kids haven't been in school.

- She talked and asked teachers to create the learning environment by using seating charts, so that students have to interact and get to know one another.

- This builds engagement, interaction, build a class community

- Administrators will start doing ECAP observations in a week or so

Mohammed thoughtfully asked: "Pam how are you doing?" She said "great but exhausted"

3. Lance Taylor

a. Fundraising requests (this was tabled, as Pam was not aware of any and Lance was not in attendance)

4. Marissa Zuchetto / Malynda Ivory

a. Upcoming Events / Calendar (Malynda) shared the calendar via screen from East's website.

Parent Teachers Conferences- Sept 23rd from 3-7pm Signup via Canyon Creek and will be on zoom

Early out on the 23rd at 1:45pm

Suzi Grant and others stated that they really enjoyed the Weekly Newsletter that's been sent out each week. Pam gave a shout out to Malynda for her hard work in gathering information from around the school and teachers for the great things that are happening and those things coming up.

5. Nikki Dinas

a. SIC Report (unable to attend) no report from the Aug 30th SIC mtg

6. Bonnie O'Brien (unable to attend)

a. Student Government-

Homecoming Week- Sept 13th to 17th (activities during lunches and afterschool).

Homecoming Assembly Sept 17th

Tailgate at 5:30pm by the stadium, hamburgers and hotdogs

Homecoming Dance- the 18th (get your squad passes thru Thursday end of day)

7. Kevin Waite (unable to attend)

a. School Counseling Advisory- Pam stated that she meets with the counselors weekly as she is the administrator over counselors. She stated that they will be starting Senior CCR's and that they are creating a powerpoint for each grade level to be used and shown in the Connections class.

b. She stated that they were so awesome in working through 2 weeks of class changes, holes, levels etc. these first two weeks since school started. They are a wonderful group of counselors who really care about your students.

8. Suzi Grant

a. PTSA Report

Over 600 parents from registration/back to school night/parents signed up to chair to over 15 minutes.

New spirit wear

Excited to help student govt Bonnie- w/ Homecoming

PTSA- helping w/ chaperones, game night dinners, lunch activity give away's concessions (shared around).

Parent as substitutes (over 30 are trying to get cleared to be subs)

PSTA has FB and IG photos

Kristien McDonald- parent volunteer- wondered about the pantry and boutique closed. Suzi said AVID student were amazing and have stepped up and working afterschool.

9. Salt Lake School Board Member

a. School Board Update- Mohammed Baayd/Nate Salazar

Nate stated that- Elementary/Secondary- covid relief funds are in their 3rd round- 39 million (reading, math, all around getting students caught up with safety and opportunities for vaccines.

Protocols as to the mask mandate are being sent out by Buendia or Missy

Superintendent Gadson- getting schools the resources they need to start the year.

Mohammed- a teacher he spoke to said they felt teachers didn't have what they needed to be successful in coming back after spring/summer and the pandemic. Due to current covid cases we just need to relay district messaging to students, teachers and families of the importance of coming to school with a mask. Coming back to school all around and ready to learn. But also stay home if you have symptoms.

Kristien McDonald- in the past there has been a lot of emphasis on test to play for Athletics. But parents being allowed into the schools as volunteers is not allowed at this point. Why is there such a narrow focus on parents/volunteers by Dr. Gadson?

Why not test to volunteer? Especially in areas of greatest need (elementary's, etc.)

Nate- stated that the board has recommended the SCC Chair with Superintendent quarterly meetings to begin again with Board and school Principals. This is a good way to have SCC Chairs share with the Superintendent the issues, concerns and ideas they have from individual school communities.

Eric Thompson asked about the recent fights he's heard about from his student. Pam- remarked that they as admin are trying to figure out how to help the kids and identify the students and figure out what is going on. What are the underlying factors?

Mohammed asked about Homecoming attire, tickets etc. As he is worried about those who can't afford to participate. Pam stated that she has tickets for those who are in need, also Suzi stated that there are dresses and clothing in the Boutique that did not get ruined by the flood. She also stated that PTSA has lined up a Barber and hair Stylist to help those that need. They can let their connections teacher, or Bonnie or some one if they need assistance.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:31 by Pam Pedersen and the Elizabeth Florence seconded.
Mtg Adjourned at 6:32pm