



**American Fork High School
School Community Council
Minutes**

Monday, March 21, 2011

3:00 p.m. in Room 32

Members Present

Carolyn H. Merrill (Principal)
Holly Clayton (AFHS Counselor)
Janice Comer-Miller (AFHS Certified)
Gina Nicholes (AFHS Classified)

Debbi John (Forbes)
Dawna Major (Barratt)
Lesa Whitehead (Teacher)
Barbara Murdoch (Deerfield)
Carrie Perucca (At Large)
Ron Ulloa (Legacy)
Jennifer Vawdrey (Shelley)

Members Absent

Jennifer Barton (excused)
Jenoa Esplin
Jared Hall
Samantha Hunt

Meeting began at 3:08 with welcome by Chair Debbi John.

Motion by Carrie Perucca to approve the minutes from January 10, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Gina Nicholes and passed unanimously.

Chair John reminded members that the **Cluster meeting will be here on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 in Media Center. Invited all members to attend, it is a very important meeting.** Getting ideas from parents now and then District will have three public meetings in the future and bonds will be voted on in November. Information will talk about Phases for American Fork High bond issues.

Chair John reported that she did take our wish list from our last SCC meeting back to the Cluster meeting.

Moved to next item on agenda of the **School LAND Trust program.** Principal Merrill said it was submitted so report could be emailed to SCC members for their review but she can change it up until April 1. Principal said she needed to have ideas from committee if they like the ideas or not.

Members asked specific questions about areas, had discussions and explanations were given. **Areas discussed were:**

- My Access program used for special education and next year they will have lab fees so they won't need money from Trust Lands.
- Additional AP classes are in schedule giving more students access to AP classes.
- Adding more AB classes using Trust Land for teacher's 1/8.
- Hire employee for 6 ½ hours for scholarships and on down time use as tracker. Page comparing high school's scholarships looked at and discussed.
- After school homework center for math and science.
- Send five member team to literacy conference
- Additional funding, have classes added to master schedule so classes can be reasonable size.

Principal Merrill said USTAR funding gave us \$30,000 this year and covered 5 or 6 science teachers; hoping to hear if we have it again.

Motion to approve 6 ½ hourly person by Debbie John. All members in agreement. On employee's down time they could help with tracking or web page. Principal Merrill said they will post job on district page and interview people for job.

Holly Clayton said Pleasant Grove hired full time person for scholarships and their numbers really increased. When asked if employee would have training Ms. Clayton said they would be sent to schools that have full time employee to train and receive help.

Ron Ulloa said he has heard that colleges don't look at **AP classes** that much. Ms. Clayton said parents have asked counselors that question. Counselors suggest students take one or two AP classes; it prepares students for college. Mr. Ulloa asked which is better, AP or concurrent enrollment. Ms. Clayton said AP better for out of state colleges where concurrent is for instate colleges. She said if students take AP classes, that is the best preparation for college.

Colleges are changing to look at end of year transcripts for senior year. Students should spread out difficult classes in their junior and senior years. Better to stay focused in senior year.

Priority list for Land Trust funding (not necessarily in this order):

- Class size
- Scholarships
- Homework center
- Literacy conference

Lesia Whitehead asked about benefits and Principal said school has to cover benefits.

Next item on agenda is **voting for SCC members** in May. Debbi John and Ron Ulloa said they will be returning. Jennifer Barton is still deciding and Jennifer Vawdrey said she will not be able to return. Principal said she needs names to contact and ask if they would like to be put on ballot. Principal Merrill gave appreciation to SCC members saying she doesn't always tell members how much they are appreciated and how important SCC is.

Ms. Vawdrey said she would talk to friends about serving and give some names to Principal.

Days for voting would be May 10, 12 and 18, from 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.. Dawn Major and Barbara Murdoch said they would do May 12 for orchestra concert. Chair John said she would be here on May 10 and 18. Jennifer Vawdrey will help May 10. Parents can only vote if they have students in AFHS next year. Principal said she would do a sign to come vote for SCC.

Chair John asked if any **SCC members could meet with Jr. High** at 7:00 a.m. Principal Merrill asked if we could meet with them right after April 20, 1:00 meeting. Majority of members said that would be a better time.

Mr. Ulloa asked why students that take **Jazz band** have to take concert band. Principal asked secretary to explain discussion she had with Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller said they have always done it, a prerequisite. They learn music fundamentals and how to play horns in concert band and perform in Jazz and marching band. SCC members said marching band is after school and advanced Jazz band is during school day. Principal Merrill said she would talk to Mr. Miller and we will get information back to members when Principal receives it.

Principal Merrill asked for feed back with students registering. Several parents gave both good and bad examples of registering students online.

Chair John said at District meeting bond issues were discussed and replacement for Guy Fugal announced. Jody Sunberg gave report on recent Legislation. As parents we need to contact Legislators and let them know how we feel about Alpine School District and what you want them to be involved in and what you don't want them dealing with.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 in Media Center.

Motion by Carrie Perucca to adjourn and seconded by Ron Ulloa. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.

