



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

Monday, May 16, 2011

3:00 p.m. in Room 32

Members Present

Holly Clayton (AFHS Counselor)
Janice Comer-Miller (AFHS Certified)
Gina Nicholes (AFHS Classified)
Lesla Whitehead
Jared Hall

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

Members Absent

Carolyn Merrill (excused)
Jenoa Esplin
Samantha Hunt

Meeting began at 3:00. Chair Debbie John welcomed Meri Farnsworth as a new member to SCC representing Shelley Elementary area.

Chair John excused Principal Carolyn Merrill.

SCC membership list, with contact information, was passed around for members to update their information to be placed on web site.

Motion by Barbara Murdoch to approve the minutes from April 20, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Vawdrey and passed unanimously.

Next item on agenda was to elect president and vice president to serve for next year. **Motion** by Carrie Perucca nominated **Debbie John for president** seconded by Ron Ulloa and passed unanimously. **Motion** by Barbara Murdoch nominated **Holly Clayton for vice president**, seconded by Gina Nicholes and passed unanimously.

Next item on agenda was **school land trust accounting balance**. Janice Comer-Miller said Principal Merrill had gone over information with her and had asked her to explain it to members. Ms. Comer-Miller directed them to the handout on trust land accounting. Chair John said there is almost a \$20,000 balance.

Ms. Comer-Miller said that Principal Merrill was requesting the SCC to confirm an end of year transfer of the land trust dividends (remaining balance and unused benefits) to the General Education Budget. Funds would go to the after school homework center where there has been science and math help for first and second semesters and fund an additional four science classes.

Ron Ulloa said we have already approved this in previous meeting so now we just need a motion to move money.

Motion by Debbie John to transfer land trust dividends to the General Education Budget. Motion seconded by Jennifer Barton and passed unanimously.

Secretary handed out **appreciation gifts** from Principal Merrill to parents for their participation and support of being on School Community Council. Ms. Comer-Miller told members that Principal Merrill really appreciates all the parents do.

Under the **other items** on agenda Chair John asked members if they had received any feed back from community on email sent out from Mrs. Warby about AFHS auditorium on bond. Mrs. Warby had encouraged community to attend meeting and voice their opinion. No response to any members.

Discussion by members about **bond issues**. Chair John referred back to April meeting where District explained bond issues and process to us. Chair John also said District would be happy to have input from parents on what our concerns and issues are. District is place for voices to be heard.

Ms. Clayton asked if District can change what is done with bond. Chair John explained bond is from voice of people and what District assesses the needs are. Ms. Comer-Miller said they have to say what bond is for before public votes in the fall.

What is concern for AFHS? Classrooms and seismic concern for gym. The plan is to build more classrooms in the front of High School. Chair John asked members to talk to parents in their areas and get their input. Jennifer Barton asked if there was a certain person people could address. John Burton is our contact on school board but any board member would get information to members.

Dawna Major asked how safe gym is where seismic issue was concern. Ms. Comer-Miller said she really didn't know but would ask the principal.

Ms. Comer-Miller addressed issue about **next year's schedule**. She explained how AFHS is currently changing regions. Because of that realignment, administration is going to two region meetings. The region calendar is not yet set. She explained once the region calendar is set, then they can set the high school calendar.

Jared Hall asked if region calendar would be on calendar. Ms. Comer-Miller said AFHS involvement in region would be on school calendar and posted on web site.

Meri Farnsworth asked if student counsel sets the dates. Mr. Hall explained school administration sets the dates and then student councils plans the events.

Ms. Vawdry said she would not be here next year so asked members to follow up with calendar. She asked if Principal Merrill would bring calendar to the next SCC meeting. She feels this would be helpful.

Chair John said she needs to be better in directing SCC members that we need to bring items that are a concern with entire school instead of individual needs. She **encouraged SCC members to attend** elementary SCC, PTSA, and get yourself out there so people can contact you about issues they are concerned about with high school. The more you make yourself accessible the better.

Mr. Ulloa asked about the **action items** for agenda. He explained an action item could be calendar scheduling for next fall. Members were in agreement with action items.

SCC members checking calendar decided next meeting would be Monday, September 12, 2011.

Motion by Debbie John to move meeting to second Monday of the month. Seconded by Jennifer Barton. Added first choice would be second Monday and move to third if second doesn't work. Passed unanimously.

Dawna Major said she has talked with friends who serve on the SCC at the Jr. High about their by laws and she asked if we have our own by laws. For example if you missed so many meetings you were off committee. Chair John said we can put that on the September agenda and if there is a need we would talk about it then.

Ms. Farnsworth asked if there is data to support last few minutes given at end of class period, advisory time. Ms. Comer-Miller said yes there is and referred her to stakeholders report. Teachers are required to keep data and it shows a difference made. Some subjects benefit more. Ms. Comer-Miller said they are looking at it and will analyze it as part of advisory to see how they improve or continue. Teachers chose this 6 minute model.

Mr. Ulloa said action issue would still be the jazz band. Ms. Comer-Miller said she would talk with him after meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Ulloa, seconded by Holly Clayton and passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 3:45.