



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

Monday, May 17, 2010

3:00 p.m. in Room 32

Members Present

Carolyn H. Merrill (Principal)
Doug Meacham (AFHS Counselor)
Janice Comer-Miller (AFHS Certified)
Lesa Whitehead (Teacher)

Tori Bahoravitch (Barratt)
Kimberlie Paulson (Chair)
Debbie John (Forbes)
Debbie Matheson (Deerfield)
Ron Ulloa (Legacy)
Jennifer Vawdrey (Shelley)

Members excused were Marianne Taylor, Monica Budge and Jennifer Barton.

Meeting began at 3:00 with welcome by Chair Kimberlie Paulson.

Chair Paulson introduced newly elected SCC members Barbara Murdoch, representing Deerfield, and Dawna Major representing Barratt.

Motion by Debbie John to approve the minutes from April 19, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Tori Bahoravitch and passed unanimously.

Chair Paulson turned the time over to Principal Merrill to **review 2010-2011 Plan**. Principal explained **USTAR Grant** and that it is for math and science teachers. Principal also explained to new members what Trust Lands money has been used for. Principal asked SCC to allow her to choose eighths. We will vote on the new plan in the fall, when we will have the new committee.

Lesa Whitehead, now the CTE academic advisor, explained she and Fred Passi will be tutors in math classes. Fred and Lesa will be funded through UVU for champ program. They will tutor in lower levels of math. Ms. Whitehead will have one stand alone class but she will tutor all students after school.

Committee continued with questions and discussion.

Chair Paulson talked about book "**Good to Great**". SCC members were asked to **return the books**.

Debbie John asked when we find out about USTARR. Principal said she hopes by the end of year or maybe into June. The State funds USTARR so the money goes from the state to district. Program change says Principal will have to gather data and report back to the District.

Chair Paulson asked SCC members what would be their desire to make the amendments in the fall should the USTARR Grant be awarded. Are we comfortable with moving, essentially staying in the same area, just different personnel. General consensus was members would like to keep it as close to original plan as possible.

Chair Paulson turned the time over to Janice Comer-Miller for the **Accreditation review**. Report for 3 years ago, it was a new process but we felt like we went back and addressed what they felt the deficiencies were. It's a continuing process. Four recommendations:

1. Include additional stakeholders in the review of the school's vision, mission, belief statements and DRSLs, especially the parent stakeholders.
2. While there is strong collaboration within departments, collaboration between departments needs to increase.
3. School has collected data, needs to be more complete. Clearly define how the data and steps in implementing their actual plan has impacted student achievement.
4. Review the DRSL (Desired Result of Student Learning)

Ms. Comer-Miller explained each area as she presented them to SCC and said overall they felt very good about the review. Book on accreditation was shown to committee.

Principal Merrill encouraged SCC members to attend focus and collaboration groups. The more parents attend the more teachers will like it. It's helpful for SCC members to attend meetings but encourage friends and neighbors to attend meetings also.

Ms. Comer-Miller talked about a proposal for reviewing **AFHS mission statement**. It's general so we need something more specific. ARC will be taking this on. Have DRSL on the bottom. We are required to have the DRSL deeply embedded by the next time the review committee returns. Principal Merrill suggested, **every student should be college and career ready. SCC agreed that's a great place to start.** Chair Paulson said everything we want to do fits in the DRSLs. We can get general or specific and use "catchy" words.

Legislature did away with BSCT and they are willing to fund the ACT for every 11th grader. Because of this we can get the PLAN for every 10th grader and Explorer for 9th graders. ASBAB is for 11th graders and it is a great vocational tool.

Discussion of tests, how to help students be more effective, and results. Question of what percentage take the ACT test. Principal said she didn't know but would be interested in finding out.

Principal Merrill expressed her appreciation to SCC members who will be leaving. Principal suggested we wait to **elect President of SCC** until we have all members present **in the fall**.

Chair Paulson expressed her feelings for serving on this committee. She said SCC improving every year. Other members expressed feelings and said how, in the community, they hear how good AFHS is doing. AFHS has a unique atmosphere. Academics are good, good balance, something for everyone.

Principal Merrill gave Cavestock shirts and gift cards to SCC members.

Next SCC meeting will be held in September.

Motion by Debbie Matheson to adjourn and Jen Vawdrey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.