



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

**Monday, Sept 20, 2010**

**3:00 p.m. in Room 32**

**Members Present**

Carolyn H. Merrill (Principal)  
Holly Clayton (AFHS Counselor)  
Janice Comer-Miller (AFHS Certified)  
Gina Nicholes (AHHS Classified)  
Lesa Whitehead (AFHS Certified)  
Jared Hall (AFHS SBO Vice Pres.)  
Jenoa Esplin (AFHS Senior Pres.)  
Samantha Hunt (AFHS House of Rep. Pres.)

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

**Meeting began at 3:00** with welcome by Principal Carolyn Merrill. Principal welcomed new members and had all members introduce themselves.

**Motion** by Debbi John to approve the minutes from May 17, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Vawdrey and passed unanimously.

Principal Merrill said Jennifer Vawdrey and Ron Ulloa attended the **District SCC training meeting**. She invited them to share their opinion of the meeting with the SCC members. Ms. Vawdrey said she was impressed that everyone there came from different areas but had same goals. Mr. Ulloa said the council is effective when everyone's input is important. Council fails when members don't share feelings.

Principal said Mr. Ulloa brought up the issue of what are SCC members hearing from the community. We need to allow time for members to bring issues from feeder schools. Decision made **to leave 10 minutes at end of meeting** to discuss issues.

Principal Merrill said we need to **vote for SCC president and vice president**. Ms. John nominated Ron Ulloa with Carrie Perucca seconded. Ron declined. Samantha Hunt nominated Debbi John and seconded by Carrie Perucca. Passed unanimously. Jared Hall nominated Holly Clayton for vice president and seconded by Samantha Hunt. Passed unanimously.

Principal Merrill referred members to the **2009-2010 School LAND Trust plan** to review. The Principal reviewed where the money had been used last year. Largest funding went to support two English carts, My Access used in Special Ed., tracking, speed reading and after school homework labs. Principal then referred members to math page with list of teachers. Teachers listed were ones with eighths. USTARR came out after this was written so USTARR was used for math eighths. Principal went over the list of teachers she added in each area for math, English, history and science. Keep after school science lab and speed reading along with after school math lab, if enough funding.

**Motion** by Jennifer Barton to support change in teacher eighths and fund after school speed reading and after school homework labs for physics, chemistry and math (all areas). Seconded by Carrie Perucca. Pass unanimously.

Ms. John asked how we would track it. Principal said she has asked students to write their name and teacher's name when they attend. Mr. Ulloa asked how this will be advertised. Information went out in school newsletter under

counseling notes, posters in classes and teachers have announced in classes. Vinyl lettering is on lab window and information will soon be on web site. Teachers will be running after school labs.

Utah Legislatures replaced BSCT to take **PLAN and ACT**. This year all 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take PLAN and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take Explorer to prepare students for ACT. All juniors will take ACT with ASBAB for seniors to take. US History classes will sign up all their students with English 10 to take PLAN. Jr. High will pay for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Explorer, AFHS will pay for 10<sup>th</sup> grade PLAN and state will pay for ACT for 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Juniors can still take ASBAB but all seniors will take it, free test. Test in February and students sign up in counseling.

Ms. John asked if this will continue each year. Principal said she doesn't know but hopes it will.

Ms. Vawdry really likes caller home to parents. Likes the message repeated twice because the first one cuts off so they get the full message on the second time. Parents asked how they can get email messages. Just have to have emails on health forms so it can be entered into Skyward.

Dawna Major asked results of not having BSCT. Holly Clayton explained how it will affect diploma. Discussion on recognition on diplomas if students take four years of English, math and science. Principal expressed we have to get parents to realize how important diplomas are.

Principal Merrill said she was contacted by Rob Smith to have **cell tower** installed on second story of the new building. It will give up to \$19,000 to school discretionary money. There might be parents who oppose it so SCC members advised to be aware. Members asked what the concerns were. Health issues were only concern but scientific research does not back up health issue problems. When would cell tower go up? Principal said this year, they are just waiting for approval from SCC. Ms. Perucca asked if we have to ask parents around neighborhood. Principal said SCC members represent members from their area. Parents had discussion and questions and Principal passed plan around for members to view. How long is contact far? As long as cell tower is needed. Individual teachers set limits for students' individual use of cell phones.

**Motion** to approve cell tower by Samantha Hunt. Seconded by Lesa Whitehead. Passed unanimously.

Principal Merrill told SCC that the **parking lot** will be done a week from today with 120 new stalls for faculty and staff. South side of school property will have band practice field and will be used by PE and other classes. Parking stalls will be repainted on south end with 58 new student parking places. Ms. Hunt said students are angry because they thought students were losing parking places. Need to get that word out to students that they are getting more spaces. Yellow painted stalls will be faculty parking and blue will be student parking. Driving range still has plenty of places to park.

Secretary asked members to **check the member list** to make sure everything is correct with their personal information, and to let her know if corrections needed.

Principal opened time for members to bring **items up from community**. Ms. Perucca asked how we can change cut off date to allow 15 year old students to take drivers ed. They currently receive permit before taking class. Principal said most schools have done away with driver's education class during school hours. They do the class before and after school. Ms. Clayton said she doesn't know who chose the cut off date of Nov. 1. **Principal said she will find out driver ed. information by next meeting.**

Principal asked SCC members if they are aware of advisory time during each class period for 6 minutes. Every teacher, every hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week have 6 minutes during hour to meet individually with students. Jared Hall said time came from not have Channel One. Either teacher or student can initiate talk. Parents asked questions to Janice Comer-Miller. Principal said they will collect data on how many students are being reached and how many grades are improving. Ms. Hunt said it helps her have time to understand and get her homework done. Mr. Hall said he likes it and it helps. **SCC members' homework** is to ask their students how advisory time it is going.

Ms. Hunt explained how House of Representatives is organized and operates.

Discussion and questions on **school clubs**. Explained difference between academic and activity clubs. Principal asked Ms. Hunt to present the House of Representatives proposal. Clubs issue on **agenda for next month**. Is this something

we want to do. Frisbee and book club still waiting. Principal will bring her information on open and closed forums. Clubs are way for students to feel they belong, available for anyone to join, you don't have to be asked to join.

Next SCC meeting will be held on Monday, October 18.

**Motion** by Debbi John to adjourn and Holly Clayton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.