

**Valley High School
School Community Council
Minutes
March 15, 2021**

Committee members in attendance: Jim Wood, Ashley Chamberlain, Lance Peterson, Joseph Sorensen, Brian Bettridge (zoom), Rachel Spencer (zoom), Haze Harris, Daniel Smith

Community members in attendance: Dustin Cox, Micah Young (zoom), Bob (zoom)

Approval of minutes: Joseph made motion to approve, Haze seconded

Reports:

1- Community Council Training

- Julie sent out a training video for the SCC to watch, and then gave some summary items from the video
 - Why do we have SCC?
 - Voice for community
 - Empower parents voices
 - Decide what to do with Trustland funds
 - We are an advisory board to school principal and school board, as well as the counseling program
 - SCC should vote and take action more frequently rather than just discuss things
 - Mr. Wood does a great job on the school Trustlands breakdown and \$ information on the agenda each meeting
 - Mr. Wood shared that in some cases it's good to gather information about a topic in the meeting, then make a decision either after the public has left or table it for discussion at the next meeting

2- Comprehensive Guidance Program

- College and career readiness plans complete 9th-12th grade, currently working on 7th and 8th
- Will hold concurrent enrollment night on April 13th
- Interested 11th and 12th graders will go on a tour to Dixie Tech and Southwest Tech on April 8th
- USU held an employability skills workshop with each grade in the school
- There was a post-secondary virtual tour held March 15th
- Juniors will take ACT on March 23rd
- Hope Squad is having a kindness challenge and easter egg hunt
- Hoby will happen this year on June 2-5th (8 students will get to go from the refunded funds from last year)
- Girls State and Boys State will be virtual, not seeing a ton of interest
- QPR training went well, resources are available on the school website
- Seeking scholarship donations from local businesses
- Mrs. Chamberlain does a fantastic job!

3- Work Based Learning

- Mr. Wood and a few others had a meeting with Rod Quarnberg and Mr. Wood gave us the following update:
 - WBL Endorsement training classes aren't available until fall, but we got a waiver to start the program now
 - Sarah Esplin will be the VHS WBL and CTE Internship coordinator
 - We will have a 4th quarter "trial run" with limited students (set at 3 for now, but flexible)
 - An email was sent out to all seniors and the application is due Fri. March 19
 - Sarah will select at least 3 applicants (if there are that many)
 - Reviewed apprenticeship (paid) vs. internship (non-paid)- essentially the payment is the only difference
 - Mr. Wood explained WBL framework
 - 40 hours for a ½ credit
 - Sarah Esplin and Mrs. Chamberlain have to make sure the Internship lines up with a student's career goals (per USBE requirements)
 - Rachel suggested possibly having a backup person trained in case Sarah wasn't able to do it in the future so we don't have a lapse in the program
 - Mr. Sorensen asked about possibility of leaving for 2 class periods instead of 1. For this 4th quarter, only 1 class period will happen but possibly 2 starting next year
 - Brain Bettridge had concerns about why the internship has to directly line up with what is listed in a student's Career plan, stated that students may change their minds and that any work opportunity can teach employment skills. Led to a good discussion.
 - Mr. Wood- we have to follow USBE rules of WBL
 - Daniel Smith- how strict is this when it comes to internships matching what is on the career plan
 - Mrs. Chamberlain- rural schools are always a little different and we need to be flexible
 - Dustin Cox Questions
 - Does Washington County do 1 or 2 hours? Answer: up to 2
 - If Washington has somebody over multiple schools in the same district, could Kane do the same thing- have somebody from Kanab over the VHS as well? Answer: Currently it is not a district position but each school has that position.
 - Julie Heaton- We need to communicate this information and internship options to students starting at a young age

4- Facility Use

- Mr. Peterson made a motion to vote to advise the principal to allow the VHS 7th and 8th grade sports teams to use the new gym for tournaments without paying a fee when not everything will fit in the old gym. Motion passed and vote was unanimous.
- Discussion on status of weight room and fitness center
 - Currently as long as Kane County is in high transmission level, the fitness center and weight room are closed to the public
 - Once we aren't in high, fitness center will be open and weight room will open as well
- Weight room status and updates
 - Last year there was a key card reader installed
 - The district will print cards (not sure when this will happen) that can be checked out by public for a fee just like the fitness center currently is
 - There is a separate fee for the weight room and the fitness center
 - Have to have at least 2 people in the weight room, with at least 1 over the age of 21

- Patsy is over the fitness center, somebody would have to be over the weight room during certain shifts to make sure there are always at least 2 people
 - Discussion on how this will happen
 - Mr. Wood will talk to Patsy about possibly being over both, or if there are interested people they could talk to Mr. Wood about being the coordinator over the weight room
- Mr. Sorensen made a motion to vote that we advise the district to install keycard readers for the fitness center just like they did for the weight room. Motion passed and voting was unanimously in favor.
- Daniel asked about other facility use
 - Baseball field is open to use, little league will use it but bring own equipment
 - Anything for profit has a form they have to fill out and they have to pay fees

5- Trustlands Plan

- We need to finalize by the April meeting
- Daniel Smith- Are we sure that all of the items on our plan fit the criteria for what our school needs to improve on?
 - Student Council Leadership/HOBY/Boys and Girls State are all great, we need to make sure they meet the requirements
 - Talked about how we quantify and measure them
 - Haze Harris pointed out that it's hard to quantify, but you can look at the success that our student leaders have had in their lives and that the end results can show the effectiveness of the leadership camps
- How do we know what our school most needs to improve on to be able to guide our use of funds?
 - Make a list
 - Counselor surveys
 - Use a range of data from end of level scores
 - We need to utilize the data more
 - Mr. Wood will bring school testing data to next meeting
- We need to be more deliberate with our plan and have it be data driven

6- School Calendar

- Brian Bettridge Question- What is the status of Prom?
 - On the school calendar for May 1st, planning on having it outside, not sure on location yet
 - Students will have to be tested for COVID within 48 hours of dance (unless things change)
 - In case of inclement weather, still working on contingency plans
- Mr. Sorensen asked about graduation and limitations
 - Graduation is being planned as an in-person event
 - Not sure on what limitations will be in place yet
- Mr. Wood- even though statewide mask mandate ends Apr. 10th, the USBE rules say masks will be worn in schools until the end of school
- Mr. Sorensen- parent teacher conference was well-attended, scheduling helped with that, Haze thanked Mr. Wood for helping coordinate with the elementary school
- Question about working around the fair schedule with baseball and other school events

- Mr. Wood schedules teacher training days and our opening baseball tournament so there are as few conflicts as possible

7- **Public Comment** (Julie mentioned it probably should have been done at the beginning)

- Dustin Cox Question- Can money that students fundraise be refunded to them or a parent if they don't end up using it for American Heritage, Senior Trip, etc.
 - Mr. Wood explained there are three separate accounts: Senior Trip (money that students pay in), Senior Class Fund (money that is fundraised), and American Heritage Fundraisers. Money that is paid into the Senior Trip account can be refunded 100%. Any money raised in the name of the school as a class fundraiser or American Heritage fundraiser cannot be refunded back to the individual students or their parents because it was a school fundraiser
 - Mr. Wood explained that there are also issues with state auditors that they won't allow class fundraised money to be given back to the individual kids if they don't go on the trips
 - Where does the extra money go if the fundraised money doesn't get used?
 - Graduation/Banquet
 - If there is still extra it rolls over into the next year's accounts
 - Can funds raised by students who have fundraised extra money be used for other students? Mr. Wood will check on this
 - State Auditor- anything raised in the name of the school cannot be refunded to students

8- **Schedule Next Meeting**

- Meeting scheduled for April 12th at 3:30 pm
- Had a question on whether meetings need to be voice recorded, Mr. Wood will check on that
- Recommended to put SCC meetings on school Billboard by the post office
- Question about Booster Clubs, will put on agenda for next meeting
- We need to do better at having the agenda up for the next meeting at least a week in advance of the meeting (will be uploaded to the school website)

9- **Meeting Adjourned**

- Joseph motioned to adjourn, Daniel seconded, meeting adjourned