

**Jordan High School Community Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Centennial Room**

1) Welcome & Introductions

- Wendy Dau welcomed all members.
- All members were introduced.
- Members in Attendance: Randy Johnson, Rebekah Cowdell, Lisa Waddoups, Denice Hyer, Jennifer Jones, Denise Hudson, Jane Hill, Amy Bryant, Sheri Tait, Wendy Dau, Tom Sorensen, Marian Gladbach, Laurel Harris, and Bryn Cook. Assistant Principals Ryan Durant and Courtney Long were in attendance to take minutes and to observe.
- Members Absent: Kelly Christensen, Troy Tait, Amalia Andrews, Melissa Baker, Mallory Record, and Taylor Smith.

2) Elections and Approval of Minutes

- Two nominations for Chair of the SCC: Randy Johnson and Rebekah Cowdell. Votes occurred by secret ballot. Randy Johnson was selected as the Chair, and Rebekah Cowdell was selected as Vice Chair.
- Randy Johnson instructed all members to review the minutes from the May SCC meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved by the members of the SCC.

3) CSD Bond Election Presentation

- Presentation was given by Principal Dau. List was shown of rebuilds of schools, additions to schools, office remodels, and natural lighting additions to elementary schools. For the Jordan Feeder system, Park Lane Elementary would receive an office remodel and lighting additions, Crescent and Bell View Elementaries would have windows and skylights added. A new elementary school would be built in White City.
- Concern was expressed by the SCC that they were promised by the Board of Education that the boundaries would be adjusted so that the additional classrooms would not be needed for Corner Canyon. The Board did not make good on its promise and avoided this conversation and now the taxpayers have to spend millions for the classroom additions to Corner Canyon.
- It was pointed out, however, that many schools that needed rebuilds were part of this bond. One member stated that the irritation over CCHS addition should not prevent individuals from considering the bond.
- Mrs. Dau stated that the bond was on the ballot and that they should vote on November 7th to either approve or reject the bond.
- A parent asked if the building of a new elementary school in White City meant that a different elementary school would be closed. Mrs. Dau stated that she did not know the answer to this but would find out. Mrs. Dau indicated that she had not heard this.
- Mrs. Dau emphasized that property taxes would not be increased as a result of the bond; however, if the bond was not approved, taxes would go down by \$118 over

the course of the year on the average home of around \$360,000. This is why it is viewed as a tax rate neutral bond.

4) Attendance

- Wendy Dau reviewed the updated attendance policy. She explained how parents can excuse absences so that they do not count towards No Grades.
- Parents asked clarifying questions as to what constituted “documentation” to excuse an absence. Mrs. Dau provided hard copies of the attendance policy that was sent to households via email and that can be found in the student handbook/planners.
- A parent stated that it would be nice to know how to access CANVAS as a parent so that they could help their children stay caught up even when absent. Wendy Dau stated that she would obtain handouts that could be made available to parents via email and the website. A parent asked if this information could be made available during Parent Teacher Conferences.

5) ACT Data

- Mrs. Dau shared ACT Data with the SCC, particularly data that compared Jordan High with the other schools in the district. Mrs. Dau did acknowledge that Jordan High is the lowest performing high school of the traditional high schools in ACT performance.
- A member requested a comparison between Jordan High, district, state, and national scores to gain more information about the actual performance of Jordan High. Mrs. Dau stated that she could send this out via email to SCC members.

6) CSIP Focus 2017-2018

- Mrs. Dau went through the School Trust Lands Plan with the SCC to ensure that all members were aware of the goals and the monetary amounts tied to these goals since some of the members were not part of the writing of the current plan.
- Mrs. Dau discussed that the school used this CSIP to focus on three major areas that guide all training and data collection at the school.

a. School Climate

- Mrs. Dau summarized that teachers are being asked to be in the hallways and to greet students.
- Mrs. Dau went over the HEARTbeet rules that are guiding the entire school, in every location.
- Mrs. Dau discussed the rewards that are being given to students-- positive notes and phone calls home as well as reward cards given out that students can exchange for a candy bar or ice cream.

b. Professional Learning Communities

- Mrs. Dau explained how the school was divided in Professional Learning Communities.
- Mrs. Dau discussed that PLCs were required to have common disclosures and that all teachers were required to accept late work for at least 70% and that they had to allow retakes of tests or test corrections. CE courses have

different requirements because this is dictated by Salt Lake Community College.

- Mrs. Dau expressed that the goal is to standardize the learning experience of students taking the same class. There should not be significant differences in how teachers grade when they are teaching the same subject.

c. AVID Program

- Mrs. Dau explained how the AVID program was being rolled out schoolwide. All students were given planners and expectations for 9th and 10th graders was that they write in their planners and use them to stay organized.
- The school purchased binders, dividers, pencil pouches, paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, and sticky notes for every 9th and 10th grade student. All core teachers at the 9th and 10th grade level were expecting students to utilize this organizational strategy.
- Mrs. Dau did ask the teachers to relate how they felt things were going at the school in terms of the preparation of the students, organization of the students, emphasis on attendance, etc. Mrs. Harris expressed that since all CTEC students were required to report to the library if they returned early, it has made the library much busier, but we are still trying to tweak the situation.

7) Use of Land Trust Money

- Mrs. Dau showed the breakdown of monies being used by the SCC.

8) SCC Training Dates

- Randy Johnson went over the SCC training dates and explained the importance of attending. He stated that he felt the training helped him understand the importance of the funding and the goals tied to it. He also felt that he understood where the money came from.

9) SCC Meeting Dates 2017-2018

- Discussion about future meeting dates. It is understood that members may not be able to attend every single meeting, but it is expected that council members do not miss more than 3 meetings.
- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved.