

Minutes of the Corner Canyon High School Community Council Meeting held March 4, 2021, in person in the atrium and via Zoom.

In Person Attendance: Wayne Dittmore, Bruce Eschler, Stephanie Fowler, Heidi Grimshaw, Darrell Jensen, Jennifer Kalm, Devin Morgan, and Sandra Steele.

Via Zoom: Connie Atkisson, Andrea Haugen, Hal Nicholson, Tami Owen, and Jana White.

Staff: Kathy Hilton

Visitor: Melissa Thorne

Excused: Ryan Frost

John Knoop resigned as a member of the SCC.

I. Welcome

Hal Nicholson welcomed all who were attending in person and via Zoom.

II. Review and Approval of January and February 2021 Minutes – Hal Nicholson

The minutes were emailed to all SCC members before the meeting. Members reviewed the minutes for January 7, 2021, and February 4, 2021

Motion: Jana White made the motion to accept the January 7, 2021 minutes as amended.

Connie Atkisson seconded the motion.

Vote: 13 – 0

Motion: Connie Atkisson made the motion to accept the February 4, 2021 minutes. Andrea

Haugen seconded the motion.

Vote: 13 – 0

III. Counseling Corner – Sandra Steele

Sandra informed the SCC members of happenings in the Student Center.

- The ACT exam will be held on March 9th – Juniors only will attend this day.
- Counselors will visit Freshmen English classes to present on G.R.I.T., which is an acronym for our academic and social/emotional support lesson. In this lesson, we emphasize staying organized, taking advantage of school-wide supports, getting involved in school, and self-advocacy. Sandra has a handout with more information for those interested.
- Counselors are also conducting individual check-ins with each freshman during the next couple of months.
- We want to make you aware of another student opportunity for social/emotional support. April (our school psychologist) and Vincen (our social worker) are hosting an after school “Charger Check In” for any student’s who’d like to attend. This will be

every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2:30-3:00 pm. Small group type activities, and snacks of course.

- WBL opportunities are updated weekly on the student center website. There are several really great opportunities for students right now. We encourage parents to utilize our website and social media for these and other announcements, such as scholarship opportunities, graduation deadlines, and more.
- The deadline for registering for AP exams has passed. Update, 95% students who are enrolled in an AP class have now registered for one or more AP exams. We will proctor 1,446 exams this year.
- Course Requests are complete – we'd love any feedback you may have on the course request process. This year we conducted a virtual assembly to provide students/parents with instructions, and shortened the course request window to 2 weeks (opposed to 3-4 weeks in previous years). We found the number of students completing their course request on time increased exponentially. To date, we have less than 30 students who have not yet completed. This is important as it facilitates a master schedule which better reflects student needs. We invite any parents interested in providing feedback to join our parent/student advisory meeting next week.

IV. TSSP and LAND Trust Plans – Bruce Eschler

Bruce thanked the sub-committee for meeting last week. This is not something that all SCC's do. We had some great discussion and had some great questions asked. We sometimes see different things on the school level, we really appreciated some of the questions that came up from the parents.

Bruce asked the sub-committee members if they wanted to report their feeling about the sub-committee meeting. No comments were given

Bruce showed a Power Point which is a quick rundown of the data the district has us look at each year to help choose our goals. Every year we need to review the data in helping to develop our goals.

The sub-committee reviewed the data from the district and a discussion was held with the committee in regards to last year's goals and what improvement could be made with the goals set for this coming year. The major difference for this year's goals from last year's goals is we will be funding more teacher than technology.

Motion: Bruce Eschler made the motion to accept the TSSP Plan as presented/the PDF handout which was sent to the member of the SCC. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Kalm.

Vote: 13 - 0

V. Principal Update – Darrell Jensen

Darrell informed the SCC that the district is purchasing a Social Emotional Curriculum and assessment piece that will go with it and rolling it out to the schools. Some of the ways they talked about doing the program is by having an advisory period. Some of the schools already have an advisory period, but CCHS does not. Alta has an advisory period four days a week, Brighton has one two days a week. This would get every student connected to an adult. The vision is that 9th graders coming in would be assigned to a teacher and that teacher would follow the student until they graduate. Mr. Jensen does not want this advisory period to turn into a McDonald's run. We could have a quick discussion now and next month we could really talk about it. If you know of anyone who is having this type of program, ask questions and check out the program and bring back information to this meeting next month.

b. Parking

We have increased security here and they are here three to four nights a week from 9:00pm – 1:00am. The police are asking all patrons to leave by 10:00pm. I have not heard any complaints. The gates are out to bid by the district, and they will be put in as soon as they are purchased. The gates will help isolate the back parking lots.

c. COVID – 19

Mr. Jensen told the SCC there was not a lot to report. The school has less than 5 cases. They have come out with the Testing to Sway and the district approved us to have a prom and a Senior Dinner Dance. Junior Prom is scheduled for May 1, 2021. Right now we will be running two sessions. The governor made some changes today and we are not sure how it affects the gathering numbers. Some of the venues in Utah County are allowing up to 1,000 people. We know we will have around 1,000 students attending, so we will have to have two sessions. Students have to test the Friday before prom. The student will be tested here at school and we will get more information to the student's as we have more details.

Junior Prom tickets may be purchased per couple or as an individual. The tickets will be more per individual than as a couple. The ticket price for individuals has always been more than per couple. Ticket prices for Junior Prom have not been published. Senior Dinner Dance tickets are sold to individuals only.

Right now Brighton High has offered their field house for us to hold our Junior Prom. We have called every venue and they are booked. All venues in Utah County are completely booked and the venues which can hold 1,000 people outside and venues on college campus are not open to us. Salt Lake County venues can't go over 500 people and are also charging us an arm and a leg.

The Senior Dinner Dance will be held at the school.

a. Graduation

Mr. Jensen said he was well aware of the push to have a survey, to have the kids' voices heard. I think I need to explain some things and maybe offer an explanation and apology,

if needed. First of all, the school needed to have to have a plan into the school board for graduation in February. The school board needs to know we have a plan.

The feedback with last year's plan and with the current state of not knowing where we are, and with the feedback we've received from last year's plan, we went ahead and talked about doing the same thing for graduation. Mr. Jensen brought up the subject of graduation at an SCC meeting but was at a Title Nine meeting and did not make it to the PTSA meeting. Also, we informed the school board that if the guidelines are lifted we would look more toward a traditional ceremony. A traditional ceremony is easier and cheaper. There is no reason the school would try to hide that we are doing a drive through. But, given the current state of the state we went ahead and did what we did.

Obviously, there's been a social media blitz. The school's intent was never to hide the decision or not listen to voices, but at the time we didn't feel like we had enough information to do a survey. We had talked about using the stadium at 25%, which would be one parent. We just didn't think that would fly, and with all the venues locked down, we didn't know what we would put on the survey. We are not opposed to a survey, we will survey, but we need to know what we're putting on the survey.

Melissa is our graduation chair, that's why she is here.

We need to have some discussion and I have had a few kids come into my office to discuss the same issues. We don't know how our districts' going to react to the new guidelines. They might let us have up to 50%, or it may be that shoulder to shoulder will be accepted. We will have to follow the guidelines from our school board. So, we don't know what that's going to be at this time. We are not opposed to a survey, but at the same time, We think the timing of the survey should be when we have all the options in front of us. We think February was too early to survey.

Three months out we had to have a plan, we had to have a plan submitted. We have a plan submitted, but that does not mean that is what we are going to do.

Mr. Jensen told the SCC that they have access to him. If you want to have a discussion, about any concerns at any time, please approach him. He is pretty approachable and he will listen. He has always tried to do what's in the best interest of the students. He has never tried to go rogue and say no, we're doing this. He has never been that guy, so he wanted everyone to know that.

A parent stated they thought that what the other high schools were doing were other options which could be put on the survey.

Mr. Jensen said he would like to address that and apologize for the lack of communication on his part. He said he was not shutting anyone down. Mr. Jensen spoke to every principal of the four high schools. they are doing pretty much doing the same thing they did last year, except for one school is not. The school which is not did the drive through

last year and it was a disaster. Part of the problem is their location. Their school is on state street, in a commercial zone area and they had trouble with the flow, and getting families in and out. It was a nightmare for them. Mr. Jensen stated he thought ours went well. He knows Alta does a similar drive through, but instead of walking across the stage in front of the school, the students walk across the auditorium stage. Brighton is doing the drive through. He was not sure what Hillcrest was doing because they are tearing down their auditorium and they wanted to drive across the stage but the state shut them down.

Hillcrest has a virtual ceremony and then walks the students across the stage. He does not have an audience there for the students.

A discussion with the SCC members was continued with a parent stating that the school board said the SCC members had a vote on the graduation plan which was turned into the board. She stated that the SCC did not have a say and did not want the community to think the SCC helped with the graduation plan. Mr. Jensen stated that the school was never asked to have a discussion with the SCC to obtain a vote on the graduation plan. He also stated that if the state guidelines change, and the school board gives the Okay, graduation could also change to a traditional graduation.

Mr. Jensen asked if anyone had recommendations for graduation. Listed below are some of the SCC recommendations for graduation:

- Parents wanted a survey so the students may choose from 3-4 options. It is not up to the parents to decide what graduation should be. It should be up to the students.
- A parent had a concern that the drive by graduation was not equitable and some students did not participate because they did not have money to decorate their car. A concern was also some families drove truck with family in the truck beds, others towed boats with people in the boat. Dr. Eschler stated that would be one thing that could easily be fixed.
- Drive to the stadium, park car, and walk over the stage in the stadium. A similar schedule could be set up like last year with scheduled times for families. Just remember that the stadium is very hot.
- Have several graduations. Jordan High is having 3-4 graduations on different nights. Mr. Jensen, as principal, would like to keep the graduating class together. He would be devastated if one graduation was perfect and due to weather or other circumstances, the later graduations were not the same experience. The students need to have the same experience. The graduation class needs to stay together.
- The Maverick Center is still not off the table. If they open up, we could have graduation at the Maverick Center. All 5 high schools will be there so it will be a combination of virtual and having the students walk through to receive their diplomas. It would be a rapid graduation.
- A member of the SCC said he could not understand why everyone loved a traditional ceremony. The students receive 15 seconds of fame. During the

parade, the teachers were able to see their students, talk to them and celebrate their graduation. There was more ability for personal interaction for a much longer time than 15 seconds walking across the stage.

- Pictures were much better last year with the drive by. There are a lot of advantages to the drive through, but we also understand the equity piece.
- A parent stated that her concern was that no matter what the graduation plan is she would like her son's brothers and sisters to attend his graduation.
- A member of the SCC stated that as she was speaking with students they did not understand that a traditional graduation was not sitting with their friends shoulder to shoulder so they can talk. They don't understand if it's on the football field they're going to be spread out because they're not family members, even if we get two parents versus one and a half allowed. When I talk to them that way they went Oh, and I told them their last blast is the Senior Dinner Dance where everyone will be there.

Mr. Jensen asked what the SCC would like him to do at this point. He suggested to hold off on the survey, make an announcement stating we are waiting for guidelines to change before we survey and we will come up with some options. He stated he would like to know what the school was doing for graduation before spring break.

We should look at what our options are, and see what is allowable and put a survey together based on that, so that the school can make a decision on graduation. The survey should go out after break because students will be traveling during break. The survey will run the 12th through the 16th and we will have the results the next week. Then the school will have a plan and we can move forward. Even if things change a little bit, and it's easy to tweak, we can make it appeal to more people.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the seniors to explain the details of each of the options so students understand what they are voting for.

Mr. Jensen repeated what his plan would be. He is going to send a message home from the administration stating to hang tight, we have plan in place, but that might not be our plan. We understand that there are the guideline restrictions that may change which would change our options.

Once those options change we'll have a senior meeting explaining those options and then we'll follow that up with a survey. The approximate time he will do this will be between now and the middle of April. We will invite and address the entire senior class.

Mr. Jensen asked if this was a parent and student survey or just a student survey. It was decided that we would expect students to answer the survey.

Mr. Jensen updated the SCC members on happenings at CCHS.

- Milo Maughan is one of two teachers who have been invited to participate in the Airborne Astronomy Ambassador Program, which is a NASA affiliated institute. It will be a great experience for him and for our students.
- CCHS basketball team is playing in the semi finals tonight 8:00pm. The team will play Davis High. If they win, they will play at 2:30pm on Saturday for the State Championship.
- The ACT test is on March 9th.
- CCHS has four National Merit Scholars. They are Kyle Holland, Nicole Ni, Nicholas Solum, and Benjamin Dastrup.
- Our boys and girls swim teams placed 3rd in state.
- Performing Arts wrapped up their musical last week - Matilda. It was an amazing show.
- I have already spoke about Prom. It will be held May 1st.
- Bruce Eschler has been appointed principal at Jordan High School. We are all very happy for him but we are also going to miss him.
- Mr. Jensen asked Hal Nicholson to call him next week so they could go over "Teacher of the Year" nominations. CCHS has more nominations this year than any other year.

Mr. Jensen expressed his appreciation to the SCC for the time and commitment that they have on behalf of the school.

VI. Other Items – Hal Nicholson

A parent asked if the vape detectors were in place. Mr. Jensen stated the electrician had been out and completed the wiring, but the contractor has not installed the vape detectors. He will follow up with the district office.

VII. Adjourn – Hal Nicholson

Motion: Stephanie Fowler made the motion to adjourn. Darrell Jensen seconded the motion.

Vote: 13 – 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Next meeting will be held Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 5:00pm