



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

**Monday, October 11, 2010**

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

**Members Present**

Carolyn H. Merrill (Principal)  
Gina Nicholes (AHHS Classified)  
Lesa Whitehead (AFHS Certified)

Debbi John (Forbes)  
Carrie Perucca (At Large)  
Ron Ulloa (Legacy)  
Jennifer Vawdrey (Shelley)

Excused Janice Comer-Miller, Holly Clayton and Samantha Hunt.

**Meeting began at 3:05** with welcome by Chair Debbi John.

Chair John asked members to respond to secretary's **emails**, when appropriate. Also, if you will not be attending SCC, please email her to be excused.

Principal Merrill explained reason for **meeting change** and asked if members were alright to meet on second Monday? Members said they were fine with change. Ron Ulloa said maybe reason for low attendance today is because of fall break and families being out of town already.

**Motion** by Lesa Whitehead to approve the minutes from September 20, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Vawdrey and passed unanimously.

Chair John moved to item on agenda about **drivers education**. Principal Merrill read information from teacher Brenda Casper. The cut off date for taking the driver education class first semester is April 1. For second semester class the date is April 2 to August 31, so all high school students can take the class before their birthday. Why are we taking class after getting their learners permit? The Legislature is the ones who allow 15 year olds to get learners permit so they have more driving time before getting their license. There was a lot of discussion by committee members with all feeling 15 is too young to drive. Carrie Perucca has brother in House of Representatives so she will ask him, Keith Grover, reason for 15 year olds driving before having class.

Chair John turned time over to Principal Merrill for mission statement, DRSL and action plans. Principal referred them to handout on mission, vision, values and goals. AFHS is aligning with District that everything is focused on student achievement. Principal referred them to AFHS's current **mission statement** on the wall and said it is hard to remember. They want to change it to the 3 Cs: College Ready, Career Ready, and Community. This goes along with our accreditation. Work Force Services has said there will be two types of jobs – those who have skills and those who don't. All students have to have some training. Chair John reminded members that the Mission statement is what this group should be working toward for using Trust LAND money.

The USOE give the **DRSLs** so we won't expound on them until they are finalized.

Principal Merrill referred members to the hand out on **Action Plans**. Principal went through the three action plans, explaining each one.

Ms. Perucca asked about the **ACT test**. Principal Merrill explained AFHS will pay for all Juniors to take ACT this year. Ninth grade will take Explorer test, and Tenth grade will take the PLAN. All of these tests are preparation for ACT. Juniors will also take the ASVAB. March 1, 2011, all students will be taking a test, respective to their grade.

Jennifer Vawdrey and Carrie Perucca said their students took the ACT three times. Principal asked members to go to AFHS web site and then can go to PLAN test for information. Further discussion among members.

With the new Skyward program, students and parents do not know if they are getting a **NG** or not. Administrators have decided they are going to let students make up NG through the rest of this year. This is because of the “glitches” in the system. This is not something they are announcing but just information for SCC members.

Moved to next item on agenda of **Clubs policy**. Principal Merrill said this has been in the works for two years. She asked the House of Representatives to work on this and referred members to their handout. Principal said she had a meeting with the PTSA this morning and they suggested three categories of **service, leadership and academics**. The principal asked how SCC members felt about the three areas and do they want to combine categories or leave separate. The principal said she talked to principals at their meeting and asked them about their schools’ club policies and she said their ideas were all over the board. ASD has their guidelines but AFHS is defining their own guidelines. AFHS runs it through House of Representatives and parents. There has to be an adult advisor at every meeting a club has for the entire time the students meet. There was a lot of discussion.

Principal asked if parents liked the three categories. All SCC members were positive with three areas of service, leadership and academics and having an advisor. Gina Nicholes talked about Book Club and inviting authors to come in and talk to students, meet once a month and choose a book to read. Principal said clubs would have to submit a charter, list of students, and form that parents sign. **SCC members decided to have clubs meet just one category with opportunity for administration to say no because of safety issues, etc.**

Question asked if there is any policy on interschool clubs? Principal said not that she is aware of.

Chair John moved to the Library’s need for **computers**, but said the Principal had solved this problem just this morning. Principal explained they will be opening viewing lab, with 17 computers, during lunch for students to use. Library has only eight computers to access internet. There may be a need to open viewing lab before school as well. There has to be a teacher in the room while students are there.

Chair John talked about District meeting with Tim Osborne and Sam Jarmon. Everything they are doing revolves around student achievement. District gave accountability of bond and what the bond is they will be asking for next year. They want input of anything SCC feels we need. Bond is mainly for physical structures. Principal said we need a field house, auditorium and to get rid of portables and replace with real class rooms. Library and cafeteria need to be improved. Principal asked if **SCC members could get a feel from their neighbors on what they feel is most important for AFHS improvement**. Principal said she would really like to know what parents feel is important. After discussion, Principal said she could put survey on web site that would allow parents to respond.

Ms. Perucca asked about **parking**. Ms. Nicholes said she liked today’s announcement of having students of the month park on west side. Students really excited about it. Still plenty of faculty parking on north end of building. Ms. Vawdrey asked how student of month is picked. Students are nominated by teachers.

Chair John asked members how their students felt about the **advisory time**. Parents said their students like it, glad it’s there if needed. The Principal said a teacher, Rachel McFarland, said she doesn’t like doing it because it’s just one more thing but she is noticing that students are turning in more work because of her talking to them about missing assignments.

Chair John asked if there were any items SCC members would like to bring up. Ron Ulloa said he sent an email about the band bash being the same as election night. Principal said they are moving it and Mr. Miller is checking with Jr. High. Principal has asked assistant principal to follow up and have it changed to Wednesday.

Chair John informed members that principal received email from **cell tower company** that they have put everything on hold for now. SCC members disappointed because of not receiving money.

Next SCC meeting will be held on Monday, November 8.

**Motion** by Principal Merrill to adjourn and Gina Nicholes seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:05.