

## School Community Council Minutes

Members Attending	Members Absent	Guests
Brad Sorensen Mark Halliday Mac Frischknect Joshua Briggs Gayle Whitefield Steve Johnson Patrece Johnson Linda Robertson Jeanette Clark Claudette Rush Melinda Van Komen Jeffery Dahle Marvelle Morgan Sondra Swensen	Rick Titus	Cami Crump

Start time: 5:30 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. SBO SilverRush Update – Cami Krump
  - a. Reported that community support is the largest reason for SilverRush success. Odd Jobs campaign was top contributor activity to the total.
  - b. Overview of the kick-off assembly, the new all day assembly and the announcement assembly.
  - c. SilverRush Shakes were discussed and plans for the organic expansion of more business support next year because of the successful sales at Arctic Circle.
  - d. Participation of Alumni and their desire to continue to donate to SilverRush each year was discussed.
  - e. Highlights of Cami's experiences and thoughts on being a student leader and participant in SilverRush.
  - f. Information was presented about a letter found in the SBO office after SilverRush from an RHS student who was a Christmas Box House child, expressing gratitude for the service and contributions of Riverton High School.
- III. Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Mark Halliday presented information on ACT Testing
  - a. ACT Test being offered to Juniors for free, March 6 and March 20 (make up day only)
  - b. Discussed the need to follow the ACT rules exactly. The consequence would be to lose our license to conduct the ACT test in the future.
  - c. Students need to be on time and ready to test with no exceptions, as per the ACT rules.
  - d. ACT Prep classes are being offered. Jordan District is committed to continue funding the ACT prep classes and free test availability in the future.

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- e. Answers to questions, practice tests and additional information can be found online at act.org. School counselors have the codes needed for students to take practice tests.
- V. Parent Teacher Conference format changes presented by Brad Sorensen
- a. RHS is piloting a new Parent Teacher Conference format as an experiment.
    - i. February 29 conferences will be by “appointment only” using Canyon Creek online appointment scheduler. Information will be sent out to parents so they are informed of the new format.
    - ii. Scheduled appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis.
    - iii. Goal is twofold:
      - 1. Increase attendance
      - 2. Reduce time sitting in lines to talk to teachers
    - iv. Experiment will help determine which format will be used next year.
    - v. Second day of conference, March 1, will be the existing format – open.
  - b. Next year, RHS will launch a new parent teacher conference schedule. It will be one day from 12 – 8.
- VI. Fundraising Report presented
- a. Committee expressed need to have the new items on the report identified. Mark Halliday will communicate request to Curtis Hagen who compiles report.
  - b. Melinda Van Komen renewed her request to add a new column of “actual totals” so council members would be better informed on the success of each fundraiser, and the impact on the community before voting for budgets.
    - i. Mr. Halliday explained it may be a difficult task, but will work with Curtis Hagen to discuss a way to facilitate.
  - c. Steve Johnson expressed his desire to look to the leaders and those in charge of the fundraisers to certify that the fundraisers selected are being sensitive to the students, parents and community.
  - d. Patrece Johnson suggested a survey at end of the fundraiser to track viability of fundraiser, i.e. verify that the hours worked and the burden on parents and faculty are worth percentages and monies raised.
  - e. Question raised on cost comparisons of trips and travel.
    - i. Mr. Sorensen explained that all groups are strongly encouraged to go through the approved travel broker. If they don’t, they need to submit quotes proving cost advantages. If the travel broker is not used, travel taxes are incurred. When travel is arranged through the travel broker, taxes are submitted to the state for reimbursement by the travel broker. Travel tax is new for 2012; this will drive all travel to go through the travel broker.
  - f. Joshua Briggs suggested we use more “work for money” type fundraising, i.e. laying sod for golf courses, cleaning Rice Eccles stadium. Suggested we email out to the community to offer these services.
  - g. Motion to approve fundraising budget and seconded. Unanimously approved.
- VII. Report on PLC’s (Professional Learning Communities) - presented by Brad Sorensen.
- a. Jordan District School Board came out with a declaration that the district will move forward with PLC’s, stating it is the most effective way of teaching. PLC program facilitates teachers collaboration to determine what is and what is not working, determining the most effective practices.
    - i. RHS sent 25 teachers to a conference to learn more about the program.
    - ii. Currently, RHS Teachers are visiting schools that have already implemented a PLC program, collecting information to determine best way to facilitate PLC’s at RHS.
    - iii. Collaboration will take place within each instructional area at RHS. Where there is only one teacher at the school in any given instructional area, collaboration goes district wide.

- iv. RHS is moving forward, recognizing that there will be an alternative schedule to facilitate this program next year. Further information and considerations include:
      - 1. Vertical teaming needs would require being on the same schedule of middle schools.
      - 2. Transportation will be a big issue and will need to be considered.
      - 3. Each school currently involved with PLC's has a different schedule and program; all are being discussed to determine what will work best for RHS.
      - 4. Final schedule will start to be implemented during the 2012-13 school year.
    - b. No questions voiced.
- VIII. Arena Scheduling, an online course request and change – presented by Brad Sorensen
  - a. All Jordan District high schools are moving to Arena Scheduling for the 2012-13 school year. Bingham HS and Herriman HS piloted this program in the 2011-12 school year.
  - b. Program details:
    - i. Each grade will be able to go online at a certain “open” time, choosing their schedule: teachers, period etc. 2012-13 year Seniors get first time slot, followed by Juniors and then Sophomores.
    - ii. It's on a first come, first served basis. Once the class is full, class is closed which gives more responsibility to the students.
    - iii. Registration cards will still be used to facilitate staffing for classes. The program will only allow students to see and choose the schedule for classes that are on their registration cards.
    - iv. There will be a week at the end of the schedule window where students will have the opportunity to change and adjust schedule.
    - v. Quantity of slots available to each grade level for electives will be determined and implemented so juniors and sophomores have a chance to participate in popular elective classes.
    - vi. Issue discussed on possibly semester classes for everything. Student may be required to stay with the same teacher, but can move period of class to make sure the CRT test results are accurately determined, and the responsibility of results can be correctly applied to the teacher.
    - vii. This program will eliminate extremely large classes, the student number will be pre-determined.
- IX. Land Trust Fund usage discussed.
  - a. Brad Sorensen updated the council on the approval of land trust monies. Explained that there is no need to break down the usage in the detail as has been done in the past.
  - b. All Land Trust monies being used this year were approved last year.
  - c. Opened discussion on how to utilize next year's Land Trust Funds.
    - i. Mr. Sorensen presented information for consideration of Land Trust monies to be used to hire 2 additional Math Teachers. Information provided included CRT results and new math class format which was implemented by the State Board of Education. Math class changes affect incoming sophomores. Challenges with this new format are:
      - 1. No text books available. Middle schools are given hand written notes and worksheets.
      - 2. Difficulty level and student struggles are discussed by Mac Frischknect and council member's children currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - ii. Melinda Van Komen and Patrece Johnson both concur with the need for additional math help.
    - iii. Other options for the use of Land Trust monies discussed including:

1. Technical needs for RHS – currently at a 2 students per computer ratio, the lowest ratio of any high school in the district. Discussed that this is not the most urgent need for use of Land Trust Monies.
2. Linda Robertson discusses the Gifted and Talented conference she attended and presented what she learned. Additional information is attached. Websites and contacts for additional information are:
  - a. National Association for Gifted Children: <http://www.nagc.org>
  - b. Utah Association for Gifted Children (UAGC): <http://www.uagc.org>
  - c. Jordan District Gifted and Talented Website:  
<http://t4.jordandistrict.org/gandt/index.php>
  - d. SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted Children): Ranae Monsen, President of JAGC, Trained SENG Facilitator – [jrmonsen@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmonsen@yahoo.com)
  - e. “GT is NOT...” Article:  
[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping\\_the\\_gifted/2008/07/that\\_mythological\\_place\\_of\\_is.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2008/07/that_mythological_place_of_is.html)
- iv. Discussion to be left open and will continue at the next meeting.
- X. Miscellaneous discussions
  - a. Community volunteer hours and opportunity discussed.
  - b. Idea to propose a Math Tutors club for next year.
- XI. Next Meeting - March 14, 2012
- XII. Meeting adjournment moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Information regarding School Community Council can be found at [www.rivertonhigh.com](http://www.rivertonhigh.com)  
An audio recording of each meeting is available in Mr. Halliday's office  
\*\*All meeting notes are marked as draft until approved by the committee at the next meeting

# Resources and Ideas for Gifted Children and their Parents

## Associations

- Utah Association for Gifted Children (UAGC)
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)

## Online Resources

- National Association for Gifted Children website  
<http://www.nagc.org/>
- ★ ~~•~~ Utah Association for Gifted Children (UAGC)  
<http://www.uagc.org/>  
This website will give you a lot of different information about gifted kids, as well as upcoming conferences that parents can attend for ideas.

## Conferences

- **UAGC Conference** – held every January
- 32nd Annual Intermountain Conference on the Education of the Gifted and Talented  
June 13-14 at Utah State University

## Support Groups

- JAGC (Jordan Association of Gifted Children)
- ★ • SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted Children)  
Ranae Monsen, President of JAGC, Trained SENG Facilitator  
[jrmonsen@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmonsen@yahoo.com)  
Feel free to contact Ranae – she is an amazing resource!

*- need support from group from parents -*

## Jordan District

- ALPS Magnet Program  
Applications due in November  
Testing first part of December
- ★ • Gifted and Talented Website  
<http://t4.jordandistrict.org/gandt/index.php>
- GT Specialists *Collette*  
We have ~~a~~ gifted and talented specialists that can work with teachers to individualize materials for individual children.
- Special Programs  
We host a variety of district special programs. You will want to see if your teacher or school is participating in any of these programs.