

Nevada Union High School Site Council  
Approved Minutes  
Thursday, August 27  
Library Conference Room  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Welcome: Jordan Horowitz, Chairperson

Members present: Jordan Horowitz, Michael Hill-Weld, Mitch Giles, Megan Ross, Dan Frisella, Risa Roseman, Kaelin Mudd, Junet Bedayn, Carol Lee

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order 3:08
2. Agenda - accepted as presented
3. Minutes from May 14, 2015 - approved as submitted
4. PUBLIC FORUM
  - a. Invitation to members of the public to address the School Site Council with issues not on the agenda (non-action items which may be added to future agendas) - no public present

5. REPORTS

a. Students' report

Kaelin reported that Week of Welcome (WOW) went well. ASB is coming in with the approach that a lot of students have not been represented in a lot of things they (ASB) has done in the past, so they're trying to change that. The last assembly included games to include more students.

Junet reported that the 78 new recycling bins will arrive in October.

b. Principal's report (non-action item)

The start to the year has been chaotic on the administrative end, but reportedly going well from the student and teacher perspective. We are now settling into regular bell schedules.

We had our first all-school assembly. It was hot but we learned a lot from it. Athlete Committed was kicked off for the entire student body; it is an education-based program focusing on the importance of nutrition and sleep, avoiding drugs and alcohol to achieve peak performance. Self-monitoring and reporting is encouraged. We are looking at modifying the athletic code to incorporate some Athlete Committed concepts: less punitive, more restorative and counseling orientated. The hope would be that we move beyond athletic focus to encompass these principles with the entire student body.

Mitchell Adams, a NU junior, was critically injured in an auto accident on Monday.

We have about 50 more students than projected at the end of last year. Adjustments in sections are being made to reduce class sizes.

An arborist is helping make District recommendations about tree removal; some rumors have made it sound like we're removing lots of trees by the track - that is not the case. Next Friday the District Facilities Mgr & Asst. Superintendent will host a lunch session

to provide information. Michael recommended we publish the real facts to the community. We are not interested in cutting down trees unnecessarily.

c. Parent Advisory Council Report

Jordan will look into becoming involved in this.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. School Climate Data

Dan provided copies of the Healthy Kids survey summary, shared a Powerpoint from the CSULA survey, and will share the complete Healthy Kids survey too. There is lots of data; we can look at it in smaller chunks throughout the year. Things that jump out:

1. Students and parents are not aware of the STARS counseling services available on campus (particularly as a resource for students feeling suicidal).
2. The trend does not seem to reflect increased engagement in the Juniors compared to Freshmen.
3. A significant number of students do not feel that what they do makes a difference.

b. Walk-a-thon (see attachment) Launch is planned for September 1st.

- i. Funds management model - Dan suggested that Site Council develop an application process and evaluate applications that come in for student enrichment (in line with school goals). Risa is interested in working on this.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recruitment of new members (8 employees, 4 parents, 4 students)

We need 1 student, 2 parents or other community members, 1 non-teaching certificated, 1 more teacher and 1 other employee (can be a teacher). Luke Browning has indicated interest. Interested parents should submit a short bio via email to Carol. Parent elections will be held Tuesday night at Back-to-School night. Dan will put an announcement in the Daily Diggins, Risa will announce through NUPC, and Kaelin will talk to Student Council.

8. Closing

- a. Next meeting date - Thursday, September 10; in general, second Thursday of the month. Carol will send out calendar invitations. Next meeting to include:
  - Election of officers - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Parliamentarian
  - Application for Walkathon funds

b. Future agenda items

- i. Single Site Plan for Student Achievement (reviewed by Site Council every year) and WASC (full visit Spring 2017)
- ii. 2016 facilities improvement plan (prop 39)
- iii. review of State testing data
- iv. late start implementation

9. ADJOURNMENT (consent approval) 4:28