

Nevada Union High School - SITE COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Thursday, November 13, 2014  
Library Conference Room  
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Lee, Carolyn Bronson, Courtney Wadman, Dan Frisella, Jordan Horowitz, Junet Bedayn, Kyler Vaughn, Michael Hill-Weld, Rebecca Joy Davis, Skyler Trent, Mitch Giles, Megan Ross, Scott Mikal-Heine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia Slayton, Risa Roseman, Victoria Newman

GUESTS: Shaun Hurtado, Chris Ramm, Jason Rojo, Wally Gordon, Karen Suenram, Paul Palmer

#### PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Discussion of Roberts Rules of Order (carry over) moved by Skyler, seconded by Shaun

Jordan said that his intention is to move through meetings quickly through the less formal style, and the very formal motion and debate need not always apply unless things are contentious or in debate. In formal debate, everyone gets one comment. He added that he doesn't feel we need to be that formal as a body. There is no need to have a motion in order to have the discussion. There will be fewer amendments and the meeting will go smoothly. Anyone can request to have motions done formally as needed. Roberts Rules apply when we need it.

3. Agenda (Consent Approval)
4. Minutes (Consent approval)
  - a. PUBLIC FORUM
  - b. 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)
5. REPORTS
  - a. Students' report (student council, non-action item)
    - i. Eco Club funding update

Junet explained that the Eco Club is buying 78 recycle bins for a cost of \$25,350; they received a price reduction for buying so many cans. They will have a fundraiser tomorrow night in the Don Baggett Theatre, showing a film called Bag It and there will be a silent auction.

ii. Student Council is preparing a rally for the 8th grade visitation on Monday, and they are working on a Black Light Dance on December 5th.

- b. Principal's report(non-action item)
  - i. Intro of Shaun Hurtado, Assistant Principal

Shaun Hurtado is from Richmond, CA. He has experience using Restorative Justice Practices and shared a handout on using Restorative Justice Practices and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) together. He discussed peer mediation as a strategy that will be employed at Nevada Union. Skyler asked what the punishments will be after the conflict

circles: will students still be suspended? Shaun said that it will depend upon each situation and the discipline policy at Nevada Union. Other schools have kept suspension followed by intervention circles, and other situations with immediate intervention/conflict circles. Students do 90% of conflict circles at DeAnza High School. It is a program that can meet the school/district where they are. Joy asked if the plan is to blend Restorative Justice with PBIS. Shaun said that he would definitely recommend bringing trainers here and there is a lot of data that shows that keeping students on campus is the best way to go, and off campus suspensions don't necessarily work to change the behaviors and conflict cycle. It is best to start at the beginning of the year to set the tone. Restorative Justice is moldable for our staff and community.

Skyler asked if this is actually being implemented or if it is just in the planning phase. Dan said it is still in the planning phase, but Shaun added that he has already had some conflict discussions with students in his office and these mediations have been successful. Shaun explained that there is some training needed on the questions to ask students in these mediations.

Michael asked if the school has gone through the process of PBIS implementation. Dan said that the PBIS coordinator will be visiting our Council for our December meeting. The next piece for teaching of explicit behaviors will begin in January. Shaun added that this can be combined with Restorative Justice to have students talk about the videos/topics and share their opinions/feelings on them.

Our Future Farmers of America (FFA) team went to Kentucky last month and finished 4th out of 39 teams nationally. They were recognized in our region as an Outstanding program by the California Ag Teachers association.

Fall sports have come to a close. We had a walk-a-thon on Halloween day that brought in \$14,000+ as a fundraiser for Athletics. There were many positive comments on social media regarding this event.

Dan went to every English class in the school and shared his background to students and gave them an opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns. There are still some students who wanted open campus. He was able to share with them actual numbers: [Last year we had](#) 93 suspensions, 61 at or immediately after lunch. 8 suspensions in the 1st quarter related to drug and alcohol.

Skyler expressed that off-campus lunch was not the problem, and that there were a lot of students who did not agree with the decision to close the campus. There are students who do not feel as though there was enough consideration of the student feelings/opinions on the issue of closed campus.

Courtney provided an update regarding PBIS, explaining that the PBIS team meets at least twice per month, and a new handbook has been created along with a new referral form. The Miner Code of Conduct has been set up in every classroom, and student acknowledgment cards have been printed along with several posters and banners to put up around campus. Several videos have been created as well, but the videos have not been shown on the NU News because several classrooms still do not have working t.v.'s to display the news. Dan explained that the student acknowledgement cards will also not be distributed yet until school-wide implementation and staff training.

ii. 8th Grade Visitation 11/17

519 8th grade students will be visiting on Monday, arriving on buses at 11:30. They will go to the

cafeteria to be served lunch, then they will watch a rally with performances and a short video of offerings at N.U. They will have an opportunity to visit classrooms, labs, and talk to teachers. There will be colored bracelets for different schools that say “Go Miners”, and Link Crew Leaders will be helping to organize the event. Carolyn asked if all feeder schools were represented. Dan said that all feeder schools were invited; the only one unable to come is Yuba River Charter because of a previously scheduled field trip.

iii. New report card delivery system

Parents could receive report cards electronically via email, and over 50% accessed them electronically. There is an indicator to show who did not check electronically, and these parents received a hard copy by mail.

iv. Spring testing update (SBAC, CAHSEE, etc.)

Our Common Core test will be counting for 11th grade students. The SBAC is going to be electronic.

Dan added that the Nevada County Reads book is Trash. If you know of someone interested in donating or supporting this cause, go to [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org). Joy added that there is a documentary film that goes along with that book.

c. Facilities Report (follow-up)

Master Facilities Plan Update

Karen Suenram, Assistant Superintendent, explained that part of the 2020 District Plan includes a facilities plan update. She introduced our Director of Facilities, Paul Palmer, and our guest architects: Chris Ramm, Jason Rojo, and Wally Gordon. The facility plan was handed out for all Site Council members to review.

For N.U., this includes replacement of all gas lines, replacement of all underground transit utility lines, new public address system, new parking lot asphalt overlays, new parking lot at wrestling building, replace all existing site lighting with LED fixtures, replacement of roofing at Bldg. C, replace elevator system in bldg. J due to water leak, new main boiler at swimming pool building P, disabled accessible upgrades at pool shower building P, replacement of all-weather synthetic turf field, resurface all weather synthetic track, replacement of stadium scoreboard, wheelchair accessibility to second floor of Industrial Arts Bldg. F (our B-wing), gutter and downspout replacement, Theatre Bldg. K – disabled accessibility improvements, exterior painting – entire campus, dance studio bldg. N – drainage problem at toe of slope at north wall, bldg. H – agriculture bldg. – disabled accessible restroom upgrade, bldg. H – Ag bldg. – HVAC/Electrical upgrades, site stairs and ramps/correct ADA issues, football stadium – disabled accessibility, football stadium – bleachers, bldg. L band and choral room – provide wheel chair lift to access uppermost riser level in each classroom, add stepped concrete seating to existing grass amphitheater. We also want to look at possibly expanding the security cameras on campus. We are aware of the need for assessing sidewalks throughout the campus, particularly with tripping hazards for uneven concrete. We need to consider electrical outlets to mount projectors in every classroom. We need a covered bus area by C-wing for Special Ed. We may also need a covered eating area near the end of E-wing. We will be exploring solar as well. Jordan said that there are some general maintenance issues, such as the hill between Ali Ave. and G-wing. There is also a handicap ramp with no crosswalk marks right off the ramp. There have been issues with parking in the upper tier of G-wing: a driveway where people are parking, and this blocks handicapped access, so some type of signage might help. He asked for

additional follow up on these issues.

Mitch added that there is dry rot on S-208. Paul said that they are aware and will be working on this. There are stucco issues with excessive cracking on the library building, and there are some preliminary designs to seal the building.

Michael asked if the infrastructure is in place for the technology being implemented. Karen said that the switches and wireless access points have been updated, and our servers have been upgraded. \$70,000 in Common Core funds have been put towards these technology upgrades for our campus.

Scott asked if there will be any alarms put in for some buildings/shops. Paul said that there are newer labs that need alarms, and we need to continue this as a district discussion, evaluating our areas of high cost. There are wireless alarm systems that are cheaper, more effective, and mobile, so we will continue to look into this.

Michael asked about lockers and if there is a plan to include more lockers or replacement. Dan explained that he would like to see total removal of lockers as we transition more to electronic devices for online textbooks, thereby reducing the need for lockers on campus. Kyler said that his chromebook has been wonderful for quick connection to the school's internet; it has eliminated use of 2 textbooks, and it is useful for all student council.

Carolyn asked if there is a determination for the total costs of the facilities plan. Karen said that the exact costs are unknown, but if the Board approves the plan, there may be a request for a Bond with focus on our priorities and a reasonable dollar amount to ask that would be approved by voters. Carolyn said that school bonds have been widely approved lately, so it is good timing. Michael asked when this facilities plan will be presented to the Board, and she said likely in the spring.

Kelly Rhoden has created a new form with admin approval, student council approval, and district approval for any type of beautification project.

Junet said that environmental club is planting some native plants.

d. Technology roll out update (Bob Lyons) [postponed; Bob Lyons was not present at the meeting]

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Site Goals Update

Gordon Bishop, our WASC coordinator, will be attending our next meeting, and we will be discussing the merging of our Site Goals and our WASC action plan into alignment. There will be significant progress to report to next month.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. By laws

i. Since we don't currently have a process for amending our bylaws, we need to establish this. Jordan read two proposals:

1. *An amendment of these bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the council by a vote of two-thirds of the all members of the Site Council. Written notice of proposed amendment must be submitted to council members at least 7 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered for adoption.*

*2. An amendment of these bylaws must be discussed and a motion made at any regular meeting. The motion will automatically be postponed until the following meeting of the council. Written notice of proposed amendment WITHOUT CHANGE must be submitted to council members at least 7 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered for adoption. Passage of the amendment requires at least a two-thirds majority of the members present.*

Dan said he likes the idea of having time to think and reflect upon it. Jordan added that the primary purpose is also to make it a more collaborative process. Kyler said that the second proposal could result in a significant amount of wait time for action to be taken (possibly a month and a half or more), so timeliness could be an issue. Carolyn added that if there needs to be a revision or a change to the proposed amendment, then does that mean there needs to be additional wait time prior to voting on the amendment? Michael said that as a member of the public, it would be important for any revised motions or changes be taken under consideration prior to adoption of the amendment and so that they can be present for the discussion. Carolyn added that public notification of the plans for the proposed amendment provides everyone time to consider it prior to the meeting. The original verbiage that described the amendment would be voted down, and the revised or modified amendment would be considered for voting approval at the following meeting. Scott suggested that Option #2 be revised to state "without change".

ii. Amendment of by-laws moved by Michael, seconded by Kyler (in the absence of existing process, the chair considers best practice to be a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of all members required to pass this motion.) APPROVED BY ALL.

b. Report to the Board of trustees

i. timeline development and areas of responsibility

Our report needs to be ready by February. Joy said that the priority for the next meeting needs to be our Site Goals and WASC action plan. Safety plan also needs to be included for our meeting in January.

8. Comments from Council members and public (non- action items)

Scott would like to talk about another course for next year, and he would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

9. Next meeting date set for Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room (consent approval)

ADJOURNMENT (consent approval)