

Nevada Union High School Site Council Unapproved Minutes
Thursday, May 11, 2017
Library Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Junie Bedayn, Chairperson

1. PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Call to Order: Junie called meeting to order at 4:06 pm.
- B. Agenda (Consent Approval): Nolan motioned to approve May agenda, Nathan seconded. Motion passed. Agenda approved.
- C. Minutes of the April 6th, 2017 meeting: Nathan moved to approve the minutes, Katie seconded. Minutes approved

2. PUBLIC FORUM

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 members of the public present.

3. REPORTS

A. Students (student council, non-action item): Nathan- Senior Ball ticket sales began last week. There was a student-teacher pie-eating contest. Pete Totoonchie won. Lunch time activities have started every Wednesday outside the library. AP testing just finished. Senior projects coming up on 24th and 25th. Many AP classes are playing Ultimate Frisbee. Junie- Junie was at the Board meeting- Dan Frisella will take on some of Karen Sueneram's responsibilities. Vals and Sals night is Monday, May 15- we have 38 this year, more than usual. Andy mentioned that Rotary will be financially supporting the Vals and Sals celebration. Nolan- Eric Mayer was voted by students as the Teacher of the Year at the Masonic Lodge.

B. Principal (non-action item) Kelly- Jessica Lee and Jamie Wise were honored as Teachers who Make a Difference. Karrie Misely was classified Employee of the Year and Lisa Drageset is Nevada County Teacher of the Year. Pink Panther play is selling out. We are doing another COMMUNITY Roundtable Meeting June 13th and we are looking to develop relationships with the community to build internship opportunities for CTE courses. NFL Debate is back on the board for next year, Megan Ross will do yearbook and journalism as two classes next year and journalism will be a photojournalism class which can be covered over the CTE grant. That class may become a prerequisite for the Miner Vision class in the future. This would also open it up to more students than just Partnership. Kelly clarified information about AP Computer Science and using a JAVA class as the intro class. NUMBERS need to grow if AP Comp. Science is to continue.

C. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges - non-action item) We got six year accreditation with a two-day review in three years. This is the second best accreditation review possible. We do not have to do WASC like we did this year, but a small check in and a big one in six years.

4. Comments from Council members and public

Katie presented information from the Schedule Committee about new schedule options. This committee analyzed our needs and investigated options to meet those needs. The second includes rotating schedules, blocked classes, intervention and collaboration with seven periods

total. This committee is confident this will be the beginning of an actual change on campus. Questions arose about open periods- 7-8% of students have open periods, some of who use that to get to work. Athletes have over 500 students participating so the end of the day has been greatly impacted by having to leave early. Katie said that a rotating schedule actually helps with CTE work placement because students will get to see different aspects of different jobs when they come at different times. Alicia brought up the issue of security with students coming back and forth. Kelly said that could be an issue, but if it works best for kids, we can figure that part out. The schedule change would change the credit requirements, but UC requirements would remain the same. The six period schedule would not cost the district money, but the seven period schedule would require more teachers. Nathan brought up the issue of having collaboration during the day on Wednesday and where students would go. Concerns can be emailed to Katie of Terry Baxter. Andy mentioned that a rotating schedule is a great option for athletes so they don't miss the same classes.

Megan has spent the last year getting her administrative credential. She presented a project she has been working on involving communication on campus for specific programs. She created one-sheets that are flyers for each academy that look the same and contain similar information that help parents and students easily access information. This information is something that could be put on the website, in office, etc... We need a central place for parents/students to see our course offerings, so there is also a poster that maps out courses, which academy they belong to, what UC requirements they fulfill, etc... She made these in Google Drawings.

Sherry brought up that our website should be updated. Some students pictured graduated 15 years ago. Megan mentioned that her photojournalism class will be working on this.

Sherry also mentioned that outside North Hollywood High School they listed graduating seniors and where they are going to high school. She liked how it acknowledged them.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Student/Administration Advisory: Junee began this conversation with Dan Frisella and now has continued the conversation with Kelly about student voice in our school. This was the foundation of her senior project. She originally created a form on Google for students to fill out to communicate with admin. She decided that a form would create another layer of separation between admin and students and face-to-face contact is better. The idea evolved into being an advisory program where students and teachers meet together to communicate about positives and negatives at school. The idea is to have a group of randomly selected students come in for a conversation with admin once or twice a month. She wanted our opinion. Andy mentioned "Cup with a Cop" that happens at Valentina's and the public is invited to come and have conversations with local law enforcement agencies. Several council members were in favor of the idea and think developing this and the form are still valid. Some concerns were that there may be students who are uncomfortable speaking up in a group of people they don't know. Megan suggested that there be a representative who brings class concerns to the admin meeting so they had specific concerns to talk about. Junie wants the progress made from these meetings to be visible so change can be monitored. Megan mentioned journalism being a part of this and sharing issues that have been solved (larger, schoolwide issues). It could also be included on Kelly's weekly email. We thought that questions each time should be

similar, but also relate to things currently happening on campus (What did you think of the Walkathon?). This program sends a strong cultural message to students about being able to voice their concerns. Kelly really looks forward to this opportunity to get to be around students more often. Staff feels this may be a good opportunity for administration to simply listen and not necessarily for problem-solving.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Senior Exit Survey: We want to have one for next year, so maybe a few questions for this year. We will move this to Unfinished Business for next time.

7. CLOSING: 5:26PM

8. ADJOURNMENT

