

Nevada Union High School - SITE COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2015
Library Conference Room

PRESENT: Carol Lee, Carolyn Bronson, Courtney Wadman, Cynthia Slayton, Dan Frisella, Jordan Horowitz, Michael Hill-Weld, Risa Roseman, Victoria Newman, Mitch Giles, Megan Ross, Scott Mikal-Heine

ABSENT: Junet Bedayn, Kyler Vaughn, Skyler Trent

Welcome: Jordan Horowitz, Chairperson

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order at 3:10 p.m.
2. Agenda (Consent Approval) - District Parent Advisory added to 5d (consent approval)
3. Minutes (Consent approval) - Revision to last sentence of 5bii "Health for freshman and/or as an outcome-based course." (Consent approval as corrected).
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)

None

- b. report development
 - c. report
5. REPORTS
 - a. Students' report (student council, non-action item)

Tori reported that the Men's ski team received 1st place!

- b. Principal's report(non-action item)Report to the Board of trustees

Dan said that they are running suspension data; 2 years ago 147 1st semester suspensions, last year 74, this year 60. Last year 39 drug/alcohol suspensions 1st semester. This year 14, of those 6 were behind the Ag building. 25 fewer suspensions attributed to closed campus. Roughly half of the suspensions were Special Education. We have a 12%-13% Special Education population, which is higher than many school districts. There will be more data with smaller referrals through the new data collection system "SWIS," which is part of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program (PBIS).

Grades are sent electronically to student and parent emails. Report will return for who did not access it electronically, and those will be mailed. We were doing over \$10,000 in postage for mailing report cards, so this will be a significant savings.

Schoology versus eSchool did not sync up well; they don't match up. Schoology weights each quarter, or it can be changed. In eSchool we have the option to not weight the quarters so that it takes the semester as a whole. Risa said that quite a few parents were concerned that they didn't really know about Schoology because they didn't understand how to use it. Cynthia said that parents voiced concern that it wasn't being used consistently. Risa said that there was concern over the glitches.

Courtney said that Schoology is a helpful tool for simply posting documents for parents/students to access, and it would be nice for their to be a schoolwide professional development day and encouragement for all staff to start with in the wider use of Schoology.

Parent Advisory Committee Report:

Cynthia reported that at the Parent Advisory Committee, N.U. had a budget of \$25,000 to have tutoring, and about half of that is used. Bear River has a budget of \$10,000, but has used less than \$1,000 because no one is interested in tutoring or taking up the stipend. Cynthia mentioned that there is lunch hour tutoring here at N.U. At Bear River, there is Bruin Hour, and students could take advantage of that time for tutoring. A big part of the meeting in December was about transportation. What would it take, talking to Durham, to create our own "Miner Hour" or advisory period, and perhaps have a later start time (e.g. 8:00 a.m.). They discussed curriculum development, and they are tapping into money for instructional materials. Money set aside for PBIS is almost used up; canine drug detection money has been used up due to the bomb threats during finals week.

Michael asked if the \$300,000 money is one-time Common Core funds. Cynthia said that is instructional materials funds, not specific to common core, but it is one-time funds. It will roll over. Dan said that there is still some common core money for teachers to apply for. Cynthia said that the Common Core coaches have already exceeded the expenses in encumbered funds. They anticipate more funds will come; we should know within a week whether Governor Brown will put more in, and his campaign had promised to.

Dan said that it is essentially textbook funds that will be reserved for the new Common Core books.

Dr. Johnson provided a survey, given by the Board. The committee found that the survey was generic, not specific enough for each school in the District. Carolyn asked if the purpose of the survey was submitted. Scott said that it is likely a step towards getting a bond. Cynthia said that the general opinion is that the survey needs to be revised, but Dr. Johnson is not sure if the Board will choose to make any changes.

Michael asked if there was a line item for paying of retirement incentives. Cynthia said that no, it was not that in-depth. There was no payroll, retirement, etc. on this handout.

c. WASC goals and Single Site Plan for Student Achievement reconciliation

Council members broke into small groups to examine one specific goal per group and to assess actions to be taken to reach the goal. Goals Progress and Analysis sheets were produced for each Single Site Plan goal by small teams and delivered to Principal Dan Frisella for processing.

Agenda items under "New Business" (7) and Comments from Council Members (8) were postponed until the February 12th session.

6. Next meeting date set for Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room (approved by general consent)
 - a. Future agenda items (not necessarily February meeting)
 - i. Technology report from Bob Lyons
 - ii. Title I budget
 - iii. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) update

- iv. Small Learning Communities update (Partnership, Humanities and Green Academies)
 - v. Common Core Adoption status (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing and NUHS course alignment)
7. ADJOURNMENT (approved by general consent) at 5:15 PM