

Nevada Union High School Site Council Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2019
October 10th meeting rescheduled
J204
4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Kelly Rhoden, Principal
Minutes: Frederick Hamblin

1. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 4pm

Motion was made to postpone public meeting, public forum, reports, comments, unfinished business until after WASC Action Plan, motion passed at 4:04 pm

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. WASC Action Plan: Data Review - started at 4:04
Gordon Bishop

Update on WASC, two date visit in March and a report needs to be written. What needs to be worked on is data proficient school. Data on the road, guiding coalition and staff. Data dive with the site council meeting. Information is shared with the group about the sites that can be used such as Dataquest, california school dashboard. Gordon shows the info and groups of students that are performing at different levels such as math, english and the additional reports section. A student report for 2018 was passed out. Challenging site council to ask for reports such as three year reports. A second report of the school level report was passed out, site council was asked to look at statements and concerns. Gordon asks to be emailed if questions arise. Strueve asked a question about data wondering about when data was taken, this was "embargoed" data that needed to be checked in with. Site council began to discuss in groups at 4:15 to answer the questions asked by Kelly. Helen makes a good point that students miss 10% or more of classes. Kelly discusses how missing attendance work. Julie Baker brings up that accreditation is all about learning and that missing class is missing on learning. Helen brings up past AP exams and low scores. Taking focus from AP to those who need it. Kelly brings up that students do not take the test as it is not required. Students bring up that seniors might not take the test if they are not seen by colleges in time, or students that take 4 tests with \$400 or colleges that do not take all tests. Kelly asks "Where is the biggest need" Kelly goes through the questions at 4:40. It was reported that Title 1 funding has been dropping, possibly going away all together. Helen wants to know how many title 1 students are getting receiving aid from Title 1, it was explained that Algebra AB or Algebra 1 for students after 9th grade get aide help or tutoring.

1. What factual statements can we make about our current reality.

Decrease in #'s or F's as students "graduate 9-12. 2% suspensions over the last 2 years (17 &18). There is a large number of SPED students, a site that host those severe SPED students. 65% raise in SPED.

2. What do you feel we can be particularly proud of regarding our current reality?

High freshman #'s enrolled. Graduation rate - green, ELA - green, College/career - green, 78% of the population - green. AP spanish, Gov, calc scores.

3. What trends do you see in the data?

Suspension drops over time (grade levels)

SED - struggling

4. What concerns

(Fightings on campus). Fighting/Drug & alcohol citations are biggest suspension. Attendance rates are low.

5. Inferences of data

Focus should be on

SED - Looking at #'s of students in high end classes in much lower than our SED classes.

Discussion ended at 4:57

3. PUBLIC MEETING

B. Agenda (Consent Approval)

Motion to approve by Strueve at 4:58, seconded. Discussion on the agenda date as it was september 12th not 9th. Motion passed.

C. Minutes from September 9, 2019

- Access via NUHS email

Motion to postpone the approval of minutes to november meeting, Seconded and approved at 5:01 pm

4. 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)

5. REPORTS

A. Students (student council, non-action item)

Report on homecoming week and postponement of club rush.

B. Principal (non-action item)

Brought up issues about the connection survey. Problems were that it needed to be teacher driven, email address. Pushed out to all emails, yet not all students got emails or do not check emails. Kids missing are those we should worry about (not having chromebook, going on email). Kelly asked what site councils accountability on the survey and that we need to get students to take the survey. Kelly is working with Tim and Luke to work on how to get all students to get in.

C. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges - non-action item)

Huge progress has been made along with action plan, progress must still be made but NU is sticking to the plan.

6. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Snow days- How do we make them up ? The two snow days are being made up on the two snow days already planned. If other snow days occur, we must petition the state to waive the 3 days. School may be in session after June 5th, 2020 if a waiver is not given.

Power outage- Where was the notice? Dan sent out an email, landlines were not working, website had notice.

CA 8:30 law- What happens to 0 period? This was not clarified by the law on PE or required courses, while AG or Band can be 0 period.

Vaping- Student input? Shocked about bathrooms being labeled vape-rooms. Students have said that freshmen and sophomores who have issues with vaping in restrooms, this might be from middle school. Cycle from tobacco to vape in media. Cultural issue that underclass spread what it means to be cool or status quo. Vaping is under investigation and the long term effects. What is NU doing to control the vape problem? Watching students, sending information to get students informed, Problem with suspending, students are addicted, free pass to vape all day with off-campus suspensions. There is no citation from law enforcement. Looking into vape detectors.

What happens to students who get caught? Defacement

Proposal from Julie, training on Fridays to work with kids who have been caught. About students, for students, guided by students on change and behaviors. Trying to find correlations for vaping. Students think this could be good as student might "tattle". Could this be something student council takes on ? Leadership from seniors to make vaping "un-cool". Getting local doctors, fake lungs, comparing to cigarettes.

Motion was made by Katie Alling to postpone the items of " Role of site council", "Elections for Site Council Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian" and "Site Goals Overview" to be the first on the agenda before reports at the november site council meeting . Motion was made at 5:29 , seconded and approved.

Kelly ended the meeting at 5:30 pm

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Role of Site Council
- B. Elections for Site Council Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian
- C. Site Goals Overview

8. CLOSING

- A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, November 14, 2019 (4:00 - 5:30 PM) J204

9. ADJOURNMENT