

Nevada Union High School Site Council Minutes  
Thursday, May 13, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Welcome: Katie LaValley, Chair  
Minutes: June Gilfillan

In attendance: Kelly Rhoden, Melissa Seibold, Katie LaValley, Brandy Sanders, Nino Herrera, June Gilfillan, Bryce Nguyen, Kayla Bardsley, Cassidy D'Andrade, [Jill Sonnenberg](#)

### 1. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order at 4:04 p.m.

B. Agenda (Consent Approval) June made a motion, [Kelly Rhoden](#) seconded. Motion carried.

C. [Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2021](#) Bryce made a motion to approve. Melissa Seibold seconded. Motion carried.

### 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)

Katie LaValley - Are students allowed to choose who they sit next to at graduation?

Kelly Rhoden - We have 142 graduates at a time, she explained how they come into the stadium area. We will shift from walking in groups of 4 to groups of two. If you want to sit with friends, make sure they are the pair either in front of you or behind you. Went over some more specifics about how to run graduation and what to expect. Estimated length is about 40 minutes, choir will sing, band will pre-record the music, Wednesday June 9 a.m. section at 9, p.m. section at 6 p.m., water will be served on the field.

### 3. REPORTS

A. Students (student council, non-action item) - Bryce reported senior projects coming up two weeks from today. Next Saturday is a drive-in slideshow for seniors at 8:00 p.m..

B. Principal (non-action item) - Just completed our state testing in Math, Science and ELA with very few hiccups. We had on campus and distance students both participate successfully. We were able to use MDTP in place of the CAASPP math because it is standards based. The math department felt like the MDTP would give more usable information than the CAASPP in math would.

We currently have students taking AP tests. This will continue over the next few weeks. Our students are doing a lot to advance. It's becoming a little more challenging to encourage students to take AP tests because colleges are beginning to just give them credit for one AP test in terms of college credit.

Many teachers are staying after school to run senior project practice sessions. This is

helpful for students because they are able to make adjustments before they give their real presentations. It's helping to ease some of the anxiety.

Last week was staff appreciation. Parent club provided Lazy Dog ice cream bars and the administration did a BBQ for staff. It was good to see faces and break bread together.

The state said if you have been vaccinated you don't have to wear a mask at all, but this is complicated at the school level. We hope to maintain mask wearing through the end of the school year. [Melissa Seibold](#) voiced her support for continuation of mask wearing.

Kelsey Langel and Linda Melugin are spearheading a job fair expo on May 20th. This is in response to a community request for students who are interested in a job. Students will come in with a resume and look at the jobs that are available and fill out applications related to open positions that businesses are hiring for.

C. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges - non-action item) 4.

All school WASC accreditation visits have been virtual and will continue to be that way until at least December 2021.

## COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Summer School Update

- a. June 21 - July 9, 2021
- b. 8:30 - 12:30 Daily
- c. 150 students can be accommodated
- d. Three weeks, four hours a day, four days a week. Friday off
- e. APEX will be conduit for the curriculum (online learning)
- f. It will be in person with credentialed teachers.
- g. There is significant concern for seniors who aren't credit ready for graduation. Furthermore, there's a concern that we may not see those seniors if they don't start until June 21. Counselors are advocating for a senior bootcamp that starts right away on June 14. There are 23 seniors for whom this is a real concern. This bootcamp has to be approved by the district.
- h. [Jill Sonnenberg](#) shared what is currently happening with seniors and the success of contacting students one on one. These students are wrapped up by a team of teachers and support professionals.

#### B. Senior Projects

- a. May 26 & 27, 2021
- b. 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- c. Anyone interested in judging email: Steve Hansen, Senior Project Coordinator
  - i. [shansen@njuhsd.com](mailto:shansen@njuhsd.com)
  - ii. Bryce and Katie both shared what they did their senior projects on and the colleges they will attend in the fall.

#### C. 4 X 8 Bell Schedule Change Update

- a. We are adding two more classes, some of which will be credit recovery. We are also able to add more sections of elective classes. Students will be able to try more of the classes that we have available.

- b. We have an obligation to make school exciting again. We can do this by offering more classes so they can fit in more elective classes. This way they can explore more career options.
- c. The schedule will also build support into the day for those students who might need it, when they need it.
- d. Check out the NU miners page, go to Information, then Bell Schedule, you can find the presentation that was done at the Town Hall meeting about the bell schedule.
- e. Mondays have thirty minute class periods, and one advisory period. The advisory period will be a place to inform students about school happenings, and assign students who need some intervention related to an essential learning standard to a flex time period and class. Students will be either in intervention, or enrichment (study sessions, opportunities to make up work, extension activity, etc.).
- f. Seniors can have two open periods (1st and 2nd, or 7th and 8th). Other students with an open period will need to choose 1st or 8th.
- g. Jill brought up how good it would be to bring community service back into what our students are doing. Brandy Sanders seconded this motion. [Kelly Rhoden](#) shared that there has been some discussion about this idea. It's a good idea to find a way to give back to the community.

D. Thank you to all Students, Parents, and Community Members for serving on Site council

## 7. CLOSING

### A. **Next meeting date set for Fall of 2021**

8. ADJOURNMENT at 5:10 p.m.