

Nevada Union High School Site Council Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

4:00 - 5:15 PM

J204

Art Gallery Tour 4:00 - 4:15 PM

1. Welcome:

Called to Order:

[Members](#)

[Meeting Dates](#)

2. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order 4:06 pm Mackenzie Rist

B. Agenda (Consent Approval): Kelsey Anderson; Seconded by Jillian Downs

C. [Meeting Minutes 11.16.2023](#) Katie Alling approved; Seconded by Kelly Rhoden

3. 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 comment

4. REPORTS

A. Students: Mackenzie Rist - bringing class instagram back. Also wanting to use Minga more.

B. Principal report (non-action):

- We need to look further ahead in the planning department. There are concerns over finals being before break. Some finals are already being done. Why do we have minimum days if teachers are giving tests early?
- District Board Meeting:
 - Talking about ethnic studies. This is a requirement coming forward. 2030 will have this under their belt. Social science presented a course last year which was denied. They want buy in from all sides. NU worked with district teams, discussed the studies and is pulling studies from state guidelines. It is a semester course. Our plan is to offer ethnic studies as an elective next year. Ethnic studies and health could be junior year.
 - Also mentioned to offer geography as freshman.
 - World history as sophomores.
 - Board had many questions at the meeting. Board wanted to change this plan.

Is there work for Site Council to support NU's plan? Kelly, not as of now.

- What percentage of students are of color? Less than 2%. Hispanics less than 4%. There is a need to respect all groups. Building compassion is important.
- Plan is to meet with sophomore english teachers to get the sophomores back to their 10 year plan. Mackenzie Rist stated how important it has been to her to job shadow.

C. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges - non-action item) All of the things that we have

been discussing is under WASC. We currently are under a 6-year accreditation.

5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS: **This is where we can request for things to be on the next agenda.** Jillian Down's had a meeting with Aurora Thompson regarding Prop 28. It is a recurring pot of money that must be voted on by Site Council. Her department will have a presentation soon for Site Council. VAPA Grant money. Can this be added to the agenda for January or February? Kelly will be meeting with them to discuss this.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Safety Update: Recommendation from previous meeting to write a letter to the board from Site Council for the need to improve speaker communication across the school. Mackenzie Rist - People hearing the songs for the minute bell. We are still working on this due to safety it is important for everyone to hear the emergency bells.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Gallery Tour (D13) "Student Holiday Art Show" Site Council walked to the room to view.

B. Cords for Graduation - Athletes

a. CAASPP Cords for meeting or exceeding standards MacKensize Rist - to honor students who have high CASPP scores and athletics that maintain a sport for 4 years. This was brought up at Kelly Rhodan's Principal's meeting the other day in reference to CASPP scores for Juniors. Kelly mentioned athletic cords as well. It will need to be discussed at a meeting when all Principal's are in attendance.

C. Title 1 Data Review: Jen Avara (Case Manager)

a. 1st short term goal was met : Connect with your case load by October break: : 11/12th 85% 10th:75% 9th 92%/2nd short term goal already met. Improve all math classes failing rate from 21% to below 18% by end of the first semester (Jan 10) by shifting support to classes showing greater need.

**Currently we have 21 math classes with 283 T1 students. 60 are failing. As of middle of November we reached our goal 15% Down from 60 to 45 out of 278/All of the lab teachers brought their students down to tour our space/We have supplied graph paper/pens/pencils etc to our lab classes since they are all T1 students /We are always reevaluating classes to make sure that we are reaching as many kids as possible./FLEX 90-110 Students - Each morning we print the attendance/check each grade/check in with any student who is failing/support students in a separate quiet area/Increasing in after school tutoring - requested chairs/desks/Ticket system: Using the similar system as finding grade point average 4 tickets for A 3 tickets for B 2 tickets for C none for D remove highest grade when you get an F---Earn tickets for coming (answer a question of the day) Grade checks/working out grade point average/Earn many tickets for completing APEX. One student took over 2 months to finish first APEX. Second APEX is at 80% finished in 3 weeks /There were 9 students at our Christmas party. We have 12 regulars that consistently come. BEST turn out since I have been in this department.

D. Move to adjourn Kelly Rhoden; Majority agreed

Following will be moved to the next meeting

E. WASC Visiting Committee Evaluation

F. SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement) Review

8. CLOSING

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, January 11, 2023 (4:00 - 5:30 PM) J204.

ADJOURN Move to adjourn Kelsey Anderson Marci Lerski second 5:32