

Nevada Union High School - SITE COUNCIL
Approved Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2015
Library Conference Room
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Welcome: Jordan Horowitz, Chairperson

Members present: Dan Frisella, Jordan Horowitz, Risa Roseman, Michael Hill-Weld, Megan Ross, Carol Lee, Courtney Wadman

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order at 3:10
2. Agenda approved by consent
3. Minutes of the April 16th meeting approved as submitted by consent
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 -
5. REPORTS
 - a. Students' report - none
 - b. Principal's report (non-action item)
 - CAHSEE results came in, and they look good. 42 perfect scores in math, 20 in English, 9 in both.
 - Student initiatives – Leadership surveyed 970 students yesterday, 63% were opposed or strongly opposed to late start, 11% neutral, 26% in favor or strongly in favor of late start. CSEA was also polled; 65% opposed. Some negotiating of the changes involved will be necessary; some parameters are not associated at all with hours.
 - The Social Justice Club put out a survey about dress code; Dan shared the questions with us. Admin will look at that during the summer – results will be shared on Google Forms.
 - Eco NU has raised over \$24,000 to purchase the recycling bins. NU Connection will support the difference between what was raised and what the cost will be.
 - Grease was a big hit, a great collaborative issue from all the performing arts dept. The Evening for the Arts went really well too.
 - FFA went to State Convention in April and represented the school well.
 - We are pushing to do the CSULA survey during the last week of May.
 - Vals & Sals dinner was earlier this week. The accomplishments of this group of students is amazing. Ben Beltran, with the highest GPA, will be giving the graduation presentation.
 - Both Senior Picnic and High School Nation rally/concert events are scheduled for tomorrow. HSN is a non-profit group promoting up-and-coming artists; they

provide materials and entertainment, as well as donating \$10,000 worth of goods and services to the school afterwards.

- Choir concert Thursday, 5/21.
- Scholarship night 5/28.
- Zett Tri 5/31.

c. Parent Advisory Council Report - none

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. School Climate

i. School Climate Survey (CSULA) – mentioned in Dan’s report above.

b. Start time: Result of Board vote last night was to implement late start for the 2016-17 school year. We have made other initially unpopular decisions. For example, closed campus has worked out well, and the data supports it. A year of planning time will allow us to explore more 0 period class offerings, the possibility of block scheduling with integrated intervention time, financial ramifications, etc. Jordan asked how this affects our School Improvement plan. Dan explained that we’re frozen for a year...

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Walk-a-thon

i. We held an Athletics walk-a-thon this past fall, modeled after an event that Sacred Heart Cathedral has held for the past 25 years. The fall 2014 event involved about 200 athletes. After visiting Sacred Heart, a committee presented the suggestion for expanding to a school-wide event to the administrative and management teams. This is an opportunity to do something all together, across all programs. It is also a fundraising event, but even if we just broke even, it would be a worthwhile and valuable event. (fact sheet attached).

ii. Students suggested starting the day with a rally to pump everyone up (for homecoming and the Walk-a-thon).

iii. Challenging issue: Who decides how funds raised will be used? Dan is thinking Site Council might be an appropriate vehicle for allocating requests for funds. Students commented that Athletics and the Health and Fitness Center aren’t represented as benefitting from funds raised. Examples of classroom budgetary expenses are school supplies, equipment, lab materials, books, etc. Guidelines will need to be developed for applying for & distributing funds. How do you give individuals equal access to grants? Is this done through departments of programs? Establishing a fair way to share the money will be important. Consider the difference between incentives and monetary awards. NU Connection volunteered to underwrite student t-shirts for the event. Maybe the transportation component should be called Special Projects or Enrichment.

iv. For Sacred Heart, this was THE one all-inclusive fundraiser for the school; it has become a part of their culture.

v. As a Site Council, are we interested in management of that type of funds? Neither the Principal nor the Parent Club want that responsibility. Maybe over the summer, some of us can begin to structure how that would work

vi. It will be important for marketing to define what specific projects and materials donors will be supporting

b. Comments from Council members and public (non-action items)

Courtney will be teaching an 8th period class next year; that will make it challenging to attend after school Site Council meetings.

8. Closing
 - a. Next meeting date: Thursday, August 27th at 3pm
 - b. Future agenda items
 - i. 2016 facilities improvement plan (prop 39)
9. ADJOURNMENT at 4:25 pm (consent approval)