

Nevada Union High School Site Council

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Library Conference Room

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan Horowitz, Risa Roseman, Jill Sonnenberg, Mitch Giles, Megan Ross, Luke Browning, Kaelin Mudd, Junet Bedayn, Dan Frisella, Betsy Brown, June Gilfillan, Sherry Chargin.

1. Call to Order 3:10 pm Jordan Horowitz called to order.
2. Agenda (Consent Approval)
3. Minutes - Tabled
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)

Jordan invited members of the public to bring up topics for discussion. Jill expressed a concern regarding Council and being transparent. Minutes and agendas should go to Parent Club and student body email accounts. Executive council, department chair, executive council, site council, parent club, and board meetings should all be open and available. She would like links on the webpage and push all those emails out to parents, students and teachers. June asked if the parent portal has a way to set notifications. In eSchool there is a notification option for board meetings and the other groups Jill mentioned. Dan suggested a link from the bulletin instead of pushing all the emails out. Risa suggested an announcement on the bulletin for Site Council meetings with an embedded link. Jordan asked if anyone would be interested in heading up a Site Council Facebook page. A link with the Site Council minutes could be included. Kaelin said she could post Executive Council minutes on the FB page. Dan said department chair minutes would not be pushed out to parents, but could be shared with teachers. Jordan suggested holding the FB page until the next meeting to give the group time to think about it. Dan said the information could be shared on the Nevada Union Facebook page. This item has been added to the next agenda.

5. REPORTS

- a. Students' report (student council, non-action item)

Homecoming week is coming up and is the focus for executive council. The theme will be announced the week of homecoming. They are developing advertising ideas and a marketing plan. Kaelin is working on a Google Form to talk about maybe doing floats this year. Student Congress is starting with first meeting on Sept. 17 and will meet every other Thursday during second period. Students will be visiting classes to encourage participation. Trying to set the tone this year that we want student congress to be a place for students to bring their ideas, rather than EC giving information about what's happening.

Junet said E=mc squared just started up and the goal is promote and encourage women in the STEM fields. EcoNU has been starting and two weeks from now will participate in Yuba River cleanup. A group is also working with Farm to Fork to teach nutrition at Scotten School. Social Justice is going really well. Lot of people passionate about health and health education.

Risa asked why Club Rush is so late in the year when clubs are already starting. Dan said not all clubs are starting as early as some of the others. Club rush is Sept. 29. Junet and Kaelin said it takes a while for clubs to get their paperwork done. Jill said getting the club plan together is challenging as well.

Megan shared about yearbook. Books are currently \$80 in the Student Store with ASB and \$80 online with or without ASB. Any student who purchases a book before Oct. 30 is guaranteed a spot in the book.

b. Principal's report (non-action item)

Dan said we had a busy start to the year ... rally, parent committed with athletes, back to school night. He said the resurfacing of the track and tree removal proved to be a success for students. Students shared their concern and the district responded by bringing in an arborist with details about trees. Students offered suggestions and facts and the district responded and removed it from the board agenda from last night. Dan said he was happy to see the district respond and take action on student recommendation. Positive thing for students to feel heard and the district to listen. District will get a second opinion, .

Launched school wide Walkathon. First ever school wide fundraiser we have raised just over \$2,000 in the last week. Still trying to get the message out and teachers in the habit of promoting it. Main goal is to be inclusive to all students at the school and celebrate what makes us NU. We're still doing planning around that. NU Connections is donating t-shirts to every student at the school. Now we're trying to plan the actual day and details.

Conversation at DO is staff development and how we're going to spend money from the state. What do people feel should be movement towards 1:1 devices and best use of technology. Will be looking for more input on how we roll that out.

Campus looks clean. New signage coming in soon with help from NU Connections. New directional signage for science lecture hall and library. Labels to wings as well.

Sherry asked about NU connections. Dan said it's a booster club for the entire school. They are two separate groups: booster that does fundraising and outreach for underserved or at risk populations. They are also a parent/community group that serves a Title 1 requirement. Fundraising through Script and they do take donations.

Junet added some information regarding the trees. Questions from students that were deemed inappropriate by other students. The conversation continued outside of school. Some students were offended by how students treated the district and the arborist. She hopes that kids will be more respectful of visitors. Possible senior project about student voice and how to ask educated questions that are respectful and make sense.

Jordan said there were questions from teachers about technology rollout. Students couldn't login for several weeks. Is there a debrief going on or a streamline for next year? Dan said that there was some library help. Jill said that all the freshmen got on, but added that it's a tricky login. Some of the issues are just user error. There were some data input errors from technology. Jill said there's a lot of anxiety with freshmen, but Jill said most got logged in. Jill said it's the second year of logins so it's still pretty new as well. Dan said there might be an option of having tech at schedule/book pick

up at the start of the year. Dan said his reservation this year was one more line to stand in, but maybe it's a time to add it. June suggested freshman orientation.

Jordan asked about Chromebook carts rolling out. Dan said it's likely next week. Risa asked which department will use them. Carts are divided geographically on campus. Jill suggested parameters around the sharing of carts. Dan will work on it this week. June said that a 30-minute intervention period each day would be helpful for everyone on campus.

c. Parent Advisory Council Report

No representative so far. Dan said the meetings haven't started yet. Jordan asked if anyone was interested and no one responded.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jordan opened the nominations.

Chairperson:

Jill nominated Luke for chairperson because of his experience with parliamentary procedure. Luke accepted the nomination. Junet said she was interested. June asked for more information and Dan read the job description.

A written ballot was taken and Luke won.

Risa nominated Junet for vice-chairperson. Jordan moved and Mitch seconded that Junet would be vice chairperson. All members voted yes.

Jordan nominated himself for Parliamentarian. No other nominations. Luke took over for votes all members voted aye. Motion passed.

Office of secretary: Jordan nominated Carol Lee for the position. June moved, Betsy seconded. Motion passed. Dan voted no.

- a. chairperson: Luke Browning
- b. vice-chairperson: Junet B
- c. parliamentarian: Jordan Horowitz
- d. secretary: Carol Lee

New officers take over the meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Walk-a-thon
 - i. Funds management model

Luke opened this up for discussion. Dan said there was an application process for 20% of funds and he would like Site Council to be the keeper of the funds and the body that approves projects presented regarding field trips, transportation, etc. Last month we talked about what that process looks like. Dan is open to ideas. NU Connection has an application to apply for funds. The top states the mission & Dan proposes that we include our site goals at the top. There are a series of questions asking for people to explain how their ideas meet those goals. Dan said he could create a variation of that application for Site Council. June said it was simple and straight-forward, but also requires the applicant to really think about how it connects to WASC goals. June said she was

thinking about the county grants and their deadlines. She suggested setting specific dates and determining need. Applicants who don't get the money can reapply for the money the next time around. Luke said a challenge he sees is the students selling tickets without a personal benefit. He said the breakdown doesn't excite kids or motivate them. Luke said that without a focus it's hard to motivate and solicit donations. Dan said it was hard to come up with that one thing to focus the entire school on. Luke said he's seen this in the Ag BBQ tickets and which tickets get sold. Luke said he would like to see the application that Dan was talking about.

Kaelin said that while the money is going to make classrooms better, the idea of a fitness center was a good focus. Don't have to pay for the gym anymore.

Dan added application to shared folder. June asked if we wanted a cap on the money. She suggested following the county money guidelines. Betsy asked how forms would be submitted. Risa motioned that based on the template of NU Connection form that a revised form with Site Council goals would be looked at, revised as necessary and modified as necessary. Dan will revise the form. Kaelin seconded the motion.

Betsy said there needs to be clear established guidelines. June asked if we wanted application deadlines and meeting dates with a maximum amount, which could be added later. Sherry added that this is the criteria for how to decide which group gets money. Sherry said in her work with NC had a focus on how many students would benefit from the money.

Luke asked for a vote: motion passes. Dan will present at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of State testing data

Dan provided printed copies of the new data. Overall NU did better than anticipated, especially in English. Math was at state average. Jordan said that as a math dept representative, they have not adopted new curriculum. Geometry textbook is 12 years old. No common core material. He said the standards were changed quite a bit from years past. June asked about BR. Jordan said that CPM (College Preparatory Math) was adopted at BR because surrounding schools also adopted similar programs. June asked if it was possible to compare BR results to NU students. She would be interested to see if there was a difference in student results. Jordan said they expected a dip in scores. Risa asked about the feeder schools and what they are doing. Risa said it would be better to wait and see what textbooks come out. Jordan said the plan was to stay traditional, but new textbooks perhaps.

Dan also shared the ACT report on student performance. He said we traditionally do well. Risa asked about our score on the SAT. Dan said there wasn't as clean a report as the ACT report, but traditionally our students have done well.

9. CLOSING

a. Next meeting date: Thursday, October 8

b. Future agenda items

- i. Single Site Plan for Student Achievement and WASC goals progress
- ii. 2016 facilities improvement plan (prop 39)
- iii. late start implementation

10. ADJOURNMENT (consent approval)

Betsy motioned.
Kaelin seconded.
4:29 p.m.