

Nevada Union High School - SITE COUNCIL
Approved Minutes
Thursday, November 12th, 2015
Library Conference Room
3:00 p.m.

Welcome: Luke Browning, Chairperson

Members present: Junet Bedayn, Kendall Brazil, Betsy Brown, Luke Browning, Sherry Chargin, Dan Frisella, Mitch Giles, June Gilfillan, Michael Hill-Weld, Jordan Horowitz, Carol Lee, Risa Roseman, Jill Sonnenberg

Guests present: Macarena Cortina, Jasper Smith, Chris Krugler

PUBLIC MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER 3:00

2. AGENDA - Amended as noted in minutes

3. MINUTES from the October 8 minutes - Betsy moved, Michael seconded, approved as submitted

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) - no issues presented

5. REPORTS

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

Junet reported that ASB is trying to get clubs to come together in a committee, along with Activities and Athletics, to create a powerful entity of powerful students that can take action together. Luke mentioned that Ag would like to be included in this group also. Student Store will begin to sell water bottles with the NU logo, hoping to diminish use of single-use water bottles. Social Justice representatives will attend a social justice fair in Chico, including a presentation on islamophobia. Physics and Photography went on a joint field trip to Exploratorium.

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

Dan offered updates: Building signs have been mounted (color will be corrected on the NU initials on the side of Ali gym). Infected Ponderosa pines will be removed down by the varsity baseball field. Dan has visited every English class on campus (~45) to meet students, have them recognize the Principal, and get feedback. We have 549 8th grade students coming to visit next Monday; arriving at 11:30, being welcomed and fed lunch, attending a rally in Ali Gym led by students, and enjoying an open house atmosphere allowing them to visit various extracurricular and academic programs to get an overview of what NU will be like. Risa asked whether visitors get enough input with 10-minute visits to classrooms. Luke explained that teachers are aware they can only offer highlights. The main emphasis is just to get an overview and visual imprint of our campus. We should ask (afterwards) whether the 10-minute time blocks are effective and worthwhile. Mitch, Dan and a Partnership academy group went to visit the production studio at Whitney High School; they saw a model program and got lots of good ideas. Several staff members attended the 1st of three Response to Intervention workshops

to learn how to develop schoolwide intervention systems and support the changing needs of schools and students in relation to the Smarter Balance assessment system, as well as explore related resources.

c. Parent Advisory Council Report - no representative presently on Site Council

d. Members' reports (added to tentative agenda)

- Jordan reported there is insufficient lighting between C & D wing for early mornings.
- Jill reported that Social Justice Club is hosting a member from FREED (disability advocacy organization) to give a presentation next week about all-inclusive meetings. Jill asked whether all District meetings have closed caption or an interpreter, sound system or other assistive technology to make the meetings accessible to those with disabilities. Jill suggested we may need another sign at the top of the ramp to the Science Lecture Hall. There is a sign at the top where the wheelchair accessible seating is. Community member Chris Krugler suggested that school maps include ramps. We will add this topic as a future agenda item to further discuss.
- Mitch added that campus looks awesome. Dave Barnard, Operations Manager, is retiring Nov. 30. Gifts of appreciation are being organized.
- June has been working with Big Brothers Big Sisters on an adult mentoring program. If you know of other groups that might like to be involved, please contact June.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Walkathon recap: The Application for Funds has been updated. \$2400 is available (20% of funds raised). Are we ready to publicize this on campus? Dan suggested a cap on funds groups can request so that multiple groups can be awarded. June suggested a per person (staff) cap to encourage collaboration amongst groups. Students can apply with staff advisor supervision/involvement. The more grants we can distribute, the more Walkathon buy-in is generated for future years. It was suggested that we include information about how this year's funds are used in next year's Walkathon publicity. Clubs can also request money from the ASB proceeds for beautification projects. Dan moved that we set a cap on Walkathon allocations at \$500 per staff member, to be reviewed annually. Michael seconded. Motion passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Site Goals

Revised Single Site Plan for Student Achievement (SSPSA), including Site Council goals, is due to the Board of Trustees in January. We have this meeting and next to accomplish this revision, since our January meeting is after the January Board meeting. Using the Site Council Goals Progress & Analysis form, the School Site Council Goals and the WASC Goals, we collected perceptions on progress (forms for SSC Goals 1,2 & 3 follow the minutes).

8. COMMENTS from Council members and public (non- action items) - a item missing from the tentative agenda presented; will be included on future agendas

9. CLOSING

a. Next meeting date set for Thursday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room (consent approval)

b. Future agenda items

- i. Late Start
- ii. PBIS
- iii. Site Council Public Relations

business) iv. Communication/Transparency (If not covered adequately under new

v. Accessibility features across NU events

10. ADJOURNMENT (consent approval) @ 4:32