

Nevada Union High School Site Council  
Approved Minutes  
Thursday, April 14th, 2016  
Library Conference Room  
3:00 p.m.

Welcome: Luke Browning, Chairperson

Members present: Junet Bedayn, Betsy Brown, Luke Browning, Jade Ewing, Dan Frisella, Mitch Giles, June Gilfillan, Michael Hill-Weld, Jordan Horowitz, Carol Lee, Kaelin Mudd, Risa Roseman, Megan Ross, Jill Sonnenberg

1. PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Call to Order 3:05
- B. Agenda (Consent Approval)
- C. Minutes of the March 10th meeting: corrections: change Risa's name from Rosenberg to Roseman; Partnership is using free versions of novels, not textbooks. Jordan moved, Jade seconded minutes be approved as corrected - unanimous approval.

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) - none present

3. REPORTS

A. Students' Report

Jade reported that Week of Wellness was coordinated by NEO club this week. It was a hit, with different activities and foods outside the library. Community service was also promoted this week - Monday with booths by EcoNU and SYRCL, Tuesday with a booth by \_\_\_\_\_, and today by Key Club, with students writing letters to the troops.

Kaelin reported that Junior Prom is planned for April 23, with an Atlantis underwater theme and a contest for best ask. The San Francisco 49ers are coming to play our basketball team April 30. Executive Council has been promoting the CAASPP test, encouraging students to do well and take pride. Partnership has also developed a video about the test. Applications for ASB and Council for '16-17 will be coming out soon. Cheer tryouts are April 25 - 28; clinics have been held this week. Dance is performing *Dancing Into the Woods* April 28 - 30. Drama is performing *Around the World in 80 days* May 5-7 and May 12-14. The final Comedy Sportz show of the year, the alumni show, happens next month. Attendance has been low at Student Congress meetings this year. In hopes of increasing student and teacher involvement next year so that communication to all parties can improve, Kaelin asked for suggestions to improve attendance. Dan suggested getting an agenda to the teachers in advance so they know the issues and are reminded of the date. Maybe the day it's happening is a limitation; might Tuesdays or Wednesdays be better (less conflicts with tests)? Luke asked if there's a way to empower the classroom reps a little more so they understand their role and are more engaged;

training? We can promote the fact that being a Student Council rep can go on a resume. Sometimes it is hard for students to miss that much class (1 out of 10 days) every two weeks.

Junet reported that EcoNU is going to the Goldman Environmental awards ceremony in San Francisco next Monday. Earth Day will be celebrated next week. The We=MC<sup>2</sup> camp for middle school girls went well. Social Justice is preparing to host a Social Justice Fair in May. The Just Mercy panel was well-received; Humanities classes and Ms. Starr's government classes were among the attendees.

B. Principal's report:

Dan reported that one of the highlights was hosting the first Athletics Hall of Fame; we honored 15 athletes and coaches from the beginning of NUHS through 1970; it was a special night full of great stories. The plan is to work up to the current decade over the next several years, and after that host the event every 2 or 3 years. Female athletes will be included in the 70's and beyond; prior to that there were no girl's teams. California Thursdays have been popular ~ Student and staff meals and samplings are offered, all prepared with local organic food. Michael explained that Parent Club is working on the brick project, focusing on raising \$25,000 toward replacing the sound system in Ali Gym. NUPC members will be at the last 2 boys' volleyball games to plant the seed and encourage contributions. CAASPP testing is scheduled for next week. Dan showed students the data in all US History classes about how we stacked up against other schools in the region, trying to encourage pride and enthusiasm. There was a bit of a roller coaster today as a glitch came up with the testing window possibly not opening until Tuesday ; hopefully that has all been resolved. There will be a public debate tonight sponsored by the Debate Club including the topics of marijuana laws and national security at Summertimes. Vals & Sals night, Scholarship night, and Engage the Arts at Miners Foundry are all coming up. A community work day is scheduled for April 30. A coalition of community churches and the Rotary club will be on campus to build a cafeteria extension servery on end of E-wing, paint bleachers in the stadium, build a fence for the school garden, and paint S-wing pillars. A dodgeball tournament will be hosted by Athletes Committed April 30th. Senior projects are scheduled for May 25 & 26; if you know of any adults interested in judging, please contact Steve Hansen. All these activities are both celebratory and stressful. The District is planning on moving forward with 1:1 devices next fall; the vast majority of the teaching staff is supportive.

C. LCAP report:

Jade, Junet and Jill reported that they worked on narrowing down what was most important. Mental health, technology, and smaller class sizes were major priorities.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Site Council Public Relations - Communication/Transparency

Jill conveyed that a lot of people don't know what the Site Council does, and we could be more proactive and communicative. We have to selectively manage what information we disperse in order to not inundate people. There could be a list of what groups met this week and links to how to find out more about them. Some parents want to know what all the committees are, what student government is doing, etc. It would almost take a full-time website coordinator to gather all this information and keep it updated. Jill suggested that all clubs could

submit bi-monthly notices and/or links to Facebook pages. Betsy suggested using Constant Contact. NUPC previously did a bi-monthly newsletter but found that few were reading it. They have shortened it into bullet points and that seems to be better received. Michael suggested that the Outreach member of Executive Council could convey information about student government. First action step: Jill is willing to play with Constant Contact.

Jill also suggested that texting should be an option. Megan says Partnership uses Remind 101. Dan polled parents at Freshman Parent Night last year, and there was not an overwhelming preference for texting. There will always be a variety of preferences. Dan will try to figure out whether an audio link can be imbedded into a text. Kaelin will work with Executive Council to generate a list of clubs and organizations and contact information.

B. Walkathon Funds Applications:

Three applications for Walkathon funds have been received. Each were read and discussed.

Rose Murphy, Counselor, submitted an application for \$354 to pay for registration and 1 night's lodging at the Western Association of College Admissions Counselors annual conference, in order to be able to provide more updated information to students about college options including visitations and financing. Michael related that NUPC voted, since this request was submitted, to cover the conference registration of \$195. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Michael to cover 2 nights' lodging. Jordan questioned the appropriateness of anticipating the need and voting to fund expenses other than those requested. Luke questioned the rationale of funding staff development, feeling that should be funded by the District. Motion failed.

Brad Dal Bon, Partnership teacher, submitted an application for sound booth equipment - egg crates for sound insulation and recording devices - to enable students to record interviews and transmit newscasts to KNCO and KVMR. It was moved by Jordan and seconded by Betsy to approve this request. Motion approved unanimously.

Debi Fairchild, English and Partnership teacher, submitted a request for funding for a class set of I Am Malala novels. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Kaelin to table this application until next month. In the meantime, Dan will talk to Debi about when she wants to teach this unit and what other funding options may be available if the intention is to teach it next year.

Betsy suggested that, in the future, the Walkathon funds application should ask what other avenues have been explored to fund this project. As a Site Council, we need to develop more specific criteria about approving applications to make sure that student-raised money is used to provide student enrichment.

C. How to unite clubs and PBIS discussions will be delayed until the next meeting (along with criteria for use of Walkathon funds).

6. Comments from Council members and public (non- action items) - none

7. CLOSING

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, **May 12th**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room (consent approval) Megan volunteered to take notes in Carol's absence.

B. Future agenda items

- i. Site Council Goal monitoring
- ii. Revisit tabled Walkathon funds application (Fairchild)

8. ADJOURNMENT 4:39