

Nevada Union High School Site Council Agenda
Approved Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Library Conference Room
3:00 p.m.

Welcome: Luke Browning, Chairperson

Members present: Junet Bedayn, Kendall Brazil, Betsy Brown, Luke Browning, Sherry Chargin, Jade Ewing, Dan Frisella, Mitch Giles, Michael Hill-Weld, Jordan Horowitz, Carol Lee, Megan Ross, Jill Sonnenberg

Guests: Macarena Cortina Petrasic

1. PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Call to Order 3:05
- B. Agenda (Consent Approval)
- C. Minutes Corrections: Remove a random period in the second paragraph, 8th sentence of Principal's report. Change "week" to "meeting" under 7A New Business. Underline book title Just Mercy in item 8. Jade moved, Michael seconded that 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)

Macarena suggested the library stay open for longer after school. Jill commented that the Site Council in 2007-08 allocated \$23,000 to extend library hours to 6 pm. Fifteen students are typically still using the facility each day when the library closes at 3:30. It was suggested that we could add English and Social Studies tutoring at the same time. Luke added that data would be helpful; through a Google survey we could get feedback from students related to potential use with expanded hours. Local philanthropic organizations might be willing to help finance this. Jill has written to the Superintendent about expanding services including tutoring, counseling, food, and recreation during after-school time. Sherry is willing to pursue a Soroptomist grant, Macarena is willing to help complete the application - the deadline is soon.

3. REPORTS

- A. Students (student council, non-action item)

Kendall reported that 3 students interviewed to be FFA officers; Kayla Allen and Eli Ferguson were both slated. Next week the Sectional FFA contest (10 schools, about 150 kids) will be held at Sierra College. FFA week (this week) is featuring dress-up days, lunchtime contests, and a swing dance Friday afternoon.

Jade reported that ASB just finished Spirit week and are now starting celebration of Black History month by raising awareness. Student Congress met to gather feedback about pros & cons of Spirit/Sadie's week, approved reusable water bottles, and are trying to figure out

how to make up for the profit that will be lost by ASB when they eliminate sales of disposable water bottles.

B. Principal (non-action item)

Dan reported that there was a staff retreat last week (including 6 Site Council members) at Soda Springs. Goals of the retreat included:

- examining the current vision and mission statements, (trying to come up with something easier to remember and apply),
- focus on School culture (looking at ideal working conditions, what we expect from our co-workers and students, trying to come up with traditions (starting with weekly Lawnchair Wednesdays, monthly Nacho Wednesdays, quarterly staff mob at a student activity) and details to start working on immediately (teachers spending passing periods outside their classrooms to enhance communication, enforce behaviors, and
- identifying essential outcomes in courses (alignment), how we evaluate whether students learn them (assessment), and what we do if they don't (intervention). We have to be clear on what we want students to learn in order for intervention to be successful.

The retreat staff presented to the entire staff afterwards at a staff meeting.

Mitch asked students if staff presence outside the classroom would influence/curb inappropriate language. Macarena felt that would work only initially - that once students got used to staff being around, they'd probably revert to their usual language. Megan, Luke and Jordan reinforced that staff came back from the retreat with positive energy and rejuvenation.

Carol Lee was selected as District Classified Employee of the Year.

EcoNU's recycling cans are up and in use. Take Back the Tap initiative has identified 19 water fountains to which they want to add gooseneck spouts at ~\$60 each. The District is willing to pay for 8 nicer hydration systems which would provide filtered, cold water at ~\$1000 each.

We hosted NU Preview night for families of current 8th grade students. Jade spoke on behalf of the students. There was a huge turnout, standing room only in the theater, performances by choir and dance and lots of enthusiasm in the cafeteria where staff and students represented various programs, clubs and sports teams.

C. Local Control Accountability Plan Committee Report (non-action item)

Jill, Michael, Jade, Junie and Dan are all on the LCAP committee, helping to figure out what's important to the District and where funds should be directed. Jade thinks it is very valuable for students to have input in the process. Michael agreed and added that the committee was a wonderful cross-section of ideas and opinions with parents, classified staff, certificated staff, students, technology professionals and community members all involved. He noted that the sense of comradery communicated by classified staff was refreshing.

Two more LCAP meetings are coming up, along with Town Hall meetings hosted by the District. Late start is not the focus of these meetings; information will be provided but discussion limited. There will be a Town Hall meeting at 6 pm on February 29th at NU in the MPR.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Goal #7

We collected input about facility needs last spring, and that was passed on to the District for their summer planning. Change evaluation of the staff survey to annual (spring) rather than twice a year, and include student input solicited through student email accounts.

Add to third bullet after [committee] "including staff, students and parents". Kelly will extend an invitation for participation next week.

When groups want to be involved in beautification, they need to fill out a volunteer form, obtain admin approval, and look for blessing from the classified union/maintenance.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Single Site Plan for Student Achievement

We went through the SPSA goals compiled from previous meetings and made minor adjustments as reflected in the attached document. It was moved by Dan, seconded by Michael, and approved unanimously to approve the SPSA as amended.

B. 1:1 Devices - postponed until next meeting

C. PBIS (survey results) - postponed until next meeting

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

7. CLOSING

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

B.

C. Future agenda items

Site Council Public Relations
Communication/Transparency
How to unite clubs
Intervention period

8. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:36.