

Nevada Union High School Site Council Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Library Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Kelly Rhoden, Principal
Minutes: Keri Kemble

1. PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Call to Order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 4:08
 - i. Kelly asked us all to introduce ourselves
 - ii. Requested that we bring a device to meetings so that we may be paperless
- B. Agenda (Consent Approval)
 - i. Kelly suggests we wait until the next meeting to elect officers since we have many absentees today
- C. Minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting
 - i. Access via NUHS website
 - ii. Andy motioned to approve the minutes, Molly seconded. Minutes approved.

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)

3. REPORTS

- A. Students (student council, non-action item)
 - i. Emily reported: Ohana is the theme for this year. Spirit Week and Homecoming are next week, kicked off by Hulapalooza to decorate hallways and floats for classes from 6-9 on Sunday; followed by judging, pizza sponsored by Caseywood, and then silent disco.
Mon: Hippie and Hicks Spirit Day
Tues: Ohana Day / Club Rush
Wed: Senior Sunrise on our football field / Soccer Moms vs Football Dads Spirit Day
Thurs: Powderpuff / Spirit Day is class colors
Fri: Night Rally (first ever) prior to entering Student Section for game (theme: blue & gold); anyone who wears their class shirt get in for free / Senior Toga or Blue & Gold Spirit Day
Sat: dance (tickets sold during lunch and after school)
Two weeks after that is October Break.
Pink Night for Volleyball on the Wed. of October Break
Pink Night for Football on Fri of Fall Break

- B. Principal (non-action item)

Week of Welcome during first three days of school. As principal, observed that everyone was starting on the same page. The staff worked through the summer to put the WoW together. Have done surveys with staff and students to improve for next year, since would like to see it happen again for next year. Lots of positive, some negative feedback. Negative items we can adjust for next year (e.g., lots of repetition) yet even in the negative, it's positive that students and staff really know the Miner Code of Conduct. Kelly said that Plan to change for next year's

sophomores, juniors, and seniors so that they're not hearing the same thing. Day on the Green was a little long, which may have been due to heat. The shirts were a huge hit -- even parents would like to purchase the shirts. "Parent of '18"

Big push to keep Action Plan moving forward -- sent 10 staff members to SLC for PLC. By end of month will be 50-60 staff members. Huge amount of work our staff did over the summer to create shared assessments and movement toward data-driven instruction. Looking closely at tardies this year since it's been a big issue. For all periods, not just first period. New policy is asking teachers to close the door when the bell rings and students go to Attendance office so that consequence more closely connected to student. We've seen tardies decrease already this year as the APs are making calls home to inform about tardies.

C. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges - non-action item)

We have different committees on campus but tends to be the same teachers/admin who attend. I'm introducing Site Community Groups which come out of our WASC teams/document Scheduling, Culture, Community Outreach, Safety, Schedule, Curriculum & Instruction...during Collaboration time, there's a 50/50 split between Admin-driven time and Department-Driven time to progress our Site Plan. Kelly will use Admin-driven time to keep our WASC work progressing but not admin-driven; instead, using a more collaborative model that mixes teachers from all departments. Participation in Site Community Groups is required for faculty. The Groups are mixed from all departments and groups on campus. People will serve in that group for two years, then switch to a different group. Then Staff meetings become a "share-out" of what happened in the Site Community Groups. Next Staff Meeting is on Wednesday 10/3. First half is the Sheriff informing our staff about what to watch for in drug and alcohol trends in our community. Second half will be the formation of these Site Community Groups. To address accountability: Staff Binder / Department Binder that will be accessible to all. With each meeting, tracking attendance, notes, goals, needs, and action plan on 2-3 major goals. Same with our Site Community Groups. They will start with our WASC goals as springboard, then develop Action Plan. In the beginning, Groups will be comprised of staff only but after they are established, would like to involve students and community.

4. Comments from Council members and public

Alicia Brott asked for info on scheduling concerns in the summer. Kelly reported that there were challenges. We hired many new teachers prior to and during the summer. In our Counseling Dept., we lost a counselor (Dominie to Ghidotti) and hired a new one. We have no control over the speed of credentialing at the state level; our new hire is not officially here yet. She has been working on projects and training on her own time.

When enrollment started, we were projected to be at 1557; when school started we were up to 1620. That created over numbers in many classes and Kelly pushed for new sections. Of the six that she requested, the district approved five. District held off to wait for drops. Gave us a couple sections of math, a world history, a language. Photography was requested and denied. Then there were shifts in the schedule to accommodate the new sections.

Alicia inquired about "singleton" classes that her son, a senior, wanted to take but couldn't because it was being held during another class he needed. Kelly explained that the schedule is student-driven, so if 35 students sign up, that's one section. If 50 signed up, there could be two sections. We were down a registrar and also an attendance clerk -- these are impactful positions. The subs are learning as they're working and doing a great job, but this is very difficult for our classified staff right now.

Alicia offered a suggestion: suggest that students come up with plans A, B, and C, so that they are aware that they may not receive all the classes they're hoping for, thereby avoid their feelings of crisis when they get the news during the summer. Emily replied that she is taking 5 APs this year out of 6 classes. Her counselor, Rose, asked her in the spring to provide three backups. Counselors do inform students of the need for this. Emily said that APEX courses that are advanced level can be extremely difficult to do online.

Molly asked who decides whether or not a section runs. Kelly says that it comes to funding. Some AP courses are funded through CTE, so those courses could run at lower enrollment. The district is committed to offering a certain number of AP courses per year.

Kelly said there has been discussion in the past of having courses as webinars that BRHS students could also access, but managing that would be very complicated.

Alicia asked if our numbers have suffered from enrollment at Ghidotti, Forest Charter, etc. Kelly said that we had 2900 when she first started, and there are 12 high school options in the county. So that, combined with declining enrollment, has resulted in our situation. Our current enrollment is 1567. Kelly reported that much of our new enrollment came from out of state and out of the area.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Student/Administration Advisory

Kelly wants to keep this "on the radar." Kelly will start one by randomly choosing students to join a group that will meet in LCR to discuss topics of their choice. Kelly has held off just a bit of time to get this started, as she's managing so many challenges this year. She still feels strongly about wanting to give students a chance to meet with admin to voice concerns regarding things going on on campus and plans to move forward with this soon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Role of Site Council

Showed slideshow developed by Dan Frisella with information about Site Council purpose, selection, documentation, revision/update of school goals, approval of school expenditures according to LEA plan, single school plan approval and monitoring, elections, rules of order, agenda distribution, potential subcommittee development (such as last year's Senior Exit Survey committee)

B. Walkathon - Athletics

The event will not be schoolwide this year. History: previously, athletics raised close to \$15,000. Every other year, we've lost money, since we didn't have buy-in from the entire school. So we've moved it back to athletics. The concern: how do we keep that school inclusiveness? That's how Week of Welcome was developed and the t-shirts were brought back. Walkathon will be on 10/31 and there's a live website now at nuwalkathon.com. Automatically generates a thank you. Donors can choose to support a single athlete or a team. Are reaching out to the community businesses to create stations along the walking route. Not a large sponsorship cost but an opportunity to celebrate the athletes and a visible show of support. Funds: first \$50 goes to fitness center; rest goes to their sport. Athletes will be downtown, handing out candy to kids downtown in Grass Valley. It's a 3.4 mile walk as a loop from school. When athletes return, there will be a celebration on the lower field. Baseball team is planning a baseball challenge. Can use team uniforms, flags from previous year's walkathons, etc to I.D. as NUHS.

C. Title 1 Funds

Emily move to table the discussion until the next meeting. Tayelor seconded it. Motion approved.

7. CLOSING

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, October 12, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:30.