

Nevada Union High School Site Council Approved Minutes
Thursday, December 14, 2017
New Location - J204 (Meet at the Library)
4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Emily West, Chair

Minutes: June Gilfillan

In attendance: Emily West, Julia Mau, Tayelor Leppek, Andy Burton, Cathy Harmon, Tara Aroz, Alicia Brott, Kelly Rhoden, June Gilfillan, Katie Alling, Molly Starr, Christina Phillips

1. PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Call to Order at 4:09 p.m.
- B. Agenda (Consent Approval) - Agenda approved
- C. Minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting - 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 items) - Tayelor reported that since the last meeting the girls' soccer program hosted a tournament. It was a big success and went very smoothly. Money was made. This was the first tournament hosted at NU. Boys basketball had an NU Invitational Tournament which also went well. Next week is finals and everyone is preparing. Student Council is preparing for Winter Homecoming on January 27. One of our seniors got accepted with a full ride scholarship to Stanford.

Andy Burton added that during one of our girls' basketball games, the parents were extremely classy. This was in contrast to behavior by parents/fans in a neighboring region. Kelly added that while she was walking behind some visiting families at the same event, they were talking about how nice everyone at NU was. In addition during the other athletic tournaments, where athletes came from outside of our region, we received complimentary letters about how welcomed their students felt.

B. Principal (non-action items) - Choir has their showcase this evening. Band performed last week. Performing Arts showcase was last night. Comedy Sportz is tomorrow night. A couple of drama students participated in a radio show last week and did some improv which was a lot of fun. We also have upcoming competitions for FFA.

Updates from the newspaper include a resignation from Dennis Houlihan so we will be looking for a new football coach. Ghidotti participating in our athletic teams is being discussed in terms of impact, particularly since we are entering a new league. We did decide to stop the sports agreement with any students new to Ghidotti. Students who are currently playing/or who have played an NU sport will be grandfathered in as athletes. There is a lot of complexity to the issue surrounding allowing students outside of NU (Ghidotti) participating on NU sports teams.

The visiting 8th graders (Future Miner Invitational) was really a positive experience. The changes we made this year were a huge improvement. We will continue to make adjustments, mostly minor. Seeing the leadership students run the program was really gratifying. Parent preview night is in February and parents will be able to get familiar with all of the options we offer.

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

I. Gordon Bishop - Unable to attend this evening but next week a team will go over the WASC document and make sure we are on the right track - including assessing needs and identifying resources necessary to meeting the WASC requirements.

Our staff will have time to work on the WASC requirements during the Professional Development day in January. We will have shared electronic binders so that there is an easily accessible sharing of information.

4. Comments from Council members and public - There is a concern among Freshmen parents about the loss of an elective to a required health class. Katie Alling responded with a history about what NU has put together and proposed for an alternative schedule. Bear River's schedule meets some of NU's needs but not all of them. There is a significant need at NU for greater access to electives, an advisory period, and easing the impact of sports on afternoon classes. The schedule that was proposed includes an additional period. There are a few barriers to changing the schedule.

There was a lot of discussion about the choices for when to require the health class- Freshman versus Junior year. The discussion centered on which year is the best time for students to be presented with the health information and with the Life Skills idea.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Title 1 Funds - no more specific budget received yet from District Office

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Goals for the year - continued to next month's agenda.

7. CLOSING

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, January 11, 2018

B. Add schedule update to the January agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 5:25 p.m.