

Nevada Union High School Site Council Approved Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2017
J204
4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Emily West, Chair

Minutes: Kelsey Langel

In attendance:

1. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order at 4:03 PM by Emily West

B. Agenda (Consent Approval) Andy moved to approve the agenda, Kelsey seconded. Agenda approved.

C. Minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting: Minutes were not on school website, the minutes were not approved, will postpone approval until February meeting.

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)

- Cornelia Woodworth (parent) wanted to get more information about the proposed schedule change. Basically an idea of where things were with the schedule. Kelly clarified that the change approval is still in process and different aspects are still being considered: cost, class size, etc. Possibility of an additional period would result in union negotiations and district buy-in. District recommendation is adopting Bear River's schedule, but that is still being discussed. Kelly briefly talked about details of the schedule discussion and what changes are being considered. The issue of health being required came up along with the idea that if juniors and seniors were required to take health, it would allow students to become involved in other electives earlier on in their high school career. A decision has to be made by March.
- Katie Alling mentioned that money rolls through LCAP meetings and that anyone is invited to come (next one is tomorrow 1/12/18, but there are open meetings as well).

3. REPORTS

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

Emily mentioned homecoming is starting soon. Dance tickets are on sale next week, Yule Ball (Harry Potter). Hulapalooza will be Monday night (1/22) to decorate halls, etc. for homecoming. Friday night will be homecoming game and rally Monday: PJ, Tues: cops vs. robbers, Wed: country Thurs: Harry Potter, Fri: USA/toga. Student Choreography Showcase for dance in a few weeks and *Almost Main* is the theater production next week and the week after. Today was Course Preview Day with a senior class meeting as well. Senior meeting next Wednesday also during lunch in SLH to discuss senior shirts, and parking spot sales. Next week is deadline for District Scholarship Packet.

B. Principal (non-action items)

Course Preview Day schedule was sent out via email and students were able to access schedule easily, but parents could not find it as well. Generally it went well. Course selection is next week. Counselors will be meeting one-on-one this year in order to help students choose the best classes. This

will happen in English classes. The questions came up how it will be handled if we switch to a seven period schedule. Students will still have their alternate choices for electives that can fill that extra period. We discussed how class registration goes for academy, AP and Honors classes. Seniors met today during Course Preview. Seniors checked their name spelling, got info about Scholarship applications due next week, info about library about turning in books, went over agreements for getting to walk at graduation. Info is on website under Senior Activities page. Principal focus will be on district-wide collaboration day at Bear River with sessions on classroom management, instruction and then we get staff time to focus within departments to work on Essential Learning Outcomes.

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

I. Gordon Bishop: We went through our big accreditation process last year. Many voices got to be heard and a number of our staff was involved in coming up with an action plan for the school as a whole over the next 3-6 years. The visiting committee observed that students wanted rigor, more classroom articulation, etc. We gave a fairly clear depiction of ourselves and they had some recommendations: 1. Improve culture, 2. Improve communication, 3. Improve quality of instruction, 4. Enhance CTE pathways, 5. Update mission and vision to drive decision-making. These are the areas we need to work on over the next few years. Site Council plays a large role in the school following-through with checking in on action-plan. Perhaps we can check in with each Site Community Group to see how we are advancing toward our goals. Gordon would like to help us be familiar with the goals and action plan so we can check in. It is suggested that we have one goal per Site Council meeting to check in on. Andy asked where the specific directions are for HOW these goals are to be met. The action plan lists specific tasks that are connected with each goal. Some action plans goals and tasks are very specific and others are more open. Andy said he supports SSC being involved in the action plan, but feels that sometimes there are too many different goals/plans from too many areas and they need to be aligned. We DID adopt the same goals for SSC that are WASC goals and those are also our schoolwide learning outcomes. Now the next step is for us to make sure there is task follow-through. Site Council can take on the task of being a responsible party for some of the task goals. SSC can help with accountability of Site Community groups. Tara brought up that SSC can help with facilitating the needs of the action plan and "checking the boxes" for what has been/needs to be accomplished.

4. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PUBLIC

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Title 1 Funds - no more specific budget received yet from District Office
 - a. June has more info and was not able to be here tonight. Discussion postponed until next meeting.
- B. Objective for the year - continued to next month's agenda.
 - a. WASC tasks. We split up into five groups (one for each goal) to look at. Each group explained their goal and what tasks SSC can take-on and/or which ones we can check for accountability.
 - b. Goal One: improving school culture, climate and well-being. None of the tasks seemed to be ones that SSC could take over, but there are some things that happen that can be proof for accountability (Home Team for example). The group felt that they didn't have anything that stood out as something that wasn't being already taken care of.
 - c. Goal Two: Improve communication
 - i. Task 3: multi-stakeholder group to evaluate our website, etc. SSC could develop a group that would look into other sites and make suggestions for improvement.
 - d. Goal Three: improve quality and consistency of instruction (PLCs)

- i. Task 12 (effective use of technology) was seen as something SSC could be a part of
- e. Goal Four: building and enhancing CTE pathways
 - i. Task 1- getting community input for hard and soft skills that need to be taught. SSC can make a list of those suggested skills and then they would be available to students. We can invite Scott Mikal to give input as well.
- f. Goal Five: Mission/Vision
 - i. Task 2: Getting information from the Vision/Mission/SLO and having them come to SSC. We have SLOs, but not solid vision/mission statements
- g. The group thinks that focusing on the website site (Goal 2, Task 3) would be a good idea. Moved and seconded. Approved. Keri will look at local high school websites. Cathy will talk to incoming 8th grade students and Molly will talk to other staff members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New proposed schedule (see paper copy)

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

- A. Single Plan for Student Achievement

8. CLOSING

- A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, February 8, 2018

9. ADJOURNMENT 5:32 PM