

**Nevada Union High School
Site Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday – March 14, 2019**

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm, Wednesday, March 6, 2019

II. Public forum session was opened:

Cornelia Woodworth addressed Site Council with grave concern of NU elimination of upper level classes (German, Calculus) and incoming class for next year, hearing that enrollment for arts (Drama, Choir, Band) is down potentially because of health class. They must take health and freshman PE, which she feels is impacting beginning arts classes. She had concerns that there would be no matriculation into the advanced classes and it will funnel to the older grades. Comments made as to validity of the enrollment statistics, because those numbers aren't available to NU Staff, and sounded like someone address Board at Board Meeting and shared information on numbers which is trickling to community without being validated. She had concerns over graduating kids from Middle School level before they are prepared or ready for NU and felt this is making NU a catch all for students who not ready, who should potentially not come up yet from middle schools.

Jill Sonnenberg introduced student members of the Social Justice Club: Tea, Kendall (GSAC); Marcy, Skyler, Anna.

They help raise awareness of student engagement and benefits; calling people into conversations verses calling them out; taking about mental health and wellness, using inclusive language; sexual harassment awareness, ableism rhetoric in classrooms. Special event at the school to be held Monday March 18th at 4:00 in the Library conference room.

Helen Hiltrops addressed the NU website and links not working for things like walk-a-thon. Can be addressed with Debie Ogden. Debie will route to appropriate departments. It was determined at Site Council that the links for Walk-A-Thon were working.

III. Minutes from Site Council meeting held on March 6, 2019 were reviewed and motioned. All in agreement.

IV. Student Report: Board meeting occurred, and Savannah gave her report. National safety awareness week is going ok, but not as great as people expected. Next week is the Walk-A-Thon and Blood Drive. Prom on April 6th – Ball is in May and special needs prom meeting occurred last week and framework being laid to host one next school year. AP tests are coming up in May.

V. Principal's Report was given – Kelly Rhoden provided update:

- a. Much time and focus on loss of classes and there are concerns around board meeting comments about arts enrollment being down. There is concern around where the numbers are coming from that they are not validated and that the method for obtaining numbers is not accurate.
- b. Health curriculum is an absolute and mandated across the district. We must bring them in and injustice to students by doing health as part of PE classes. One of the most important classes for students is health and it's a mandate. District made decision that it will follow full district process and it's reintroduced in Freshman year to be consistent with other schools in district. Students need 2 – 3 years' worth of science for college enrollment depending on which college entrance they are looking for.

Students need 2-3 years of foreign language for 4 -year college, if going for seal of biliteracy could take AP test.

- c. Replacement for Calculus and other higher classes are typically done at Sierra College.
- d. Our AP selections are currently at 17 selections.
- e. Kelly delivered the Why CAASPP? presentation that was given to the junior and senior classes.
- f. Kelly discussed need to consider the incoming freshman coming up from Bell Hill and Lyman Gilmore's dual immersion program – which will occur in two years.

VI. Unfinished business regarding getting grade posting. Site Council looked at how to change culture, used the 5Ys to understand reasons for delayed grade posting, and how to be inclusive of departments in understanding how to improve grade posting. Also looked at what was acceptable as baseline for grade posting, and 2 weeks was decided on as baseline minimum acceptance with the hope being as school technology improves, grade posting would be done in faster, potentially intraday / intraweek cycles.

V. Meeting was called for closure at 5:38 pm, motioned and in agreement.