

# Nevada Union High School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

## Welcome: Kelly Rhoden, Principal:

- Kelly welcomed all. Needed to leave for an NU management meeting.
- Luke Browning & Tim Reid tag teamed to preside over meeting.

Minutes:

## 1. PUBLIC MEETING

### A. Call to Order

- Select volunteer secretary for today: Parent Melissa Seibold volunteered
- Introduce ourselves: Luke Browning (Asst. Principal), Timothy Reid (Asst. Principal), Justin Coyle (Teacher), Melissa Seibold (Parent of Junior), Katie LaValley (Student/Senior), Katya Schaffer (Student/Senior), Bryce Nguyen (Student/Senior), June Gilfillan (Staff/Intervention Coordinator), Nino Herrera (Parent of Freshmen)
- Requested that we bring a device to meetings so that we may be paperless.

### B. Agenda (Consent Approval)

- Motion to approve; **Justin Coyle**

**Bryce Nguyen**, seconded.

Unanimously approved.

### C. Minutes of 2/23/2020 Meeting: June screen-shared file for all to reviewed.

- Motion to approve: **Bryce Nguyen**.

**June**, seconded.

Unanimously 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)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

## 3. REPORTS

### A. Students (student council, non-action item): **Bryce Nguyen**

Theme of year presented in a video. (Theme??) Showing support for firefighters; Miner (mascot?) present for lunch distribution/handouts. Went really well!

**June:** Photo op of the United Way project. There may be music played at next lunch distribution, too. The Outreach Chair will be sending out letters to families during distance learning and updating NU Instagram account.

**Bryce:** Talked to NU management team. Marley Porter representing at a committee of teachers and staff asking for BLM support.

### B. Principal report (non-action) **Luke Browning**

There was no March Site Council Meeting as the pandemic set in. Full distance began in March. Over the summer, with input from district/Asst. Superintendent Dan Frisella, it was decided NU would work with only one learning management system. Schoology was chosen. Tim & Luke worked with teachers on professional development to get them trained on Schoology, as only 40% of teachers were using Schoology. The first week of school was committed to student training & learning modules. Students did check-in. Some minor hiccups: assessment and tech issues, which all have been worked out. Teachers continued to work out transfers to Schoology. TODAY: 9-17-2020, attendance levels are rising dramatically. 97% begin reported by some teachers. Still working through issues. Teachers are resilience. Students are stepping up. All have come a long way. NEXT STEPS: Now focus is on plan for students to come back to school on campus at some point. Doing research & development: calling other districts (Placer Co.),

researching programs in country, creating workgroup meetings, safety and health committee, working through protocols. Some sports have come back: marching band in limited capacity. Starting as of today, Title 1 student are back to campus. The school is targeting students that really need support including students in Spec Ed. With moderate and severe needs. Administration is trying to maintain balance while continuing to improve as a district.

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

SCREEN SHARE FROM LUKE: NU website's Site Council page under "Related Files" WASC mid-cycle review was done during 2019-20 (at 3 years). Committee was impressed with movement and changes at NU. In 2023 there will be a full review.

4. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**June:** Counselors had been working on issues that have resolved themselves (now with distance learning), as Schoology is the learning management system now being used. Teachers are now posting grades every 2 weeks, as well as posting assignments on Monday according to MOU.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

(NO OLD BUSINESS being the first meeting of the new school year.)

**A. Role of Site Council:**

**Tim:** The Site Council has morphed. Used to be much more powerful organization on campus. Used to deal more with categorical funding. Currently, funding is under local control, money goes to district/LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan). Site Council still over sees some monies, is a key stakeholder group for WASC report, works with professional learning communities. The Site Council provides input from parents and community, provides data and conversation about where the school is going and approves and monitors Site Plan, managing goals from 2019-20. Title-1 funds (federal funds) are overseen by Site Council with June. Title-1 funds provide extra outreach to students in danger of failure. Review overview in fall. Spring make recommendations for the following year. The Site Council is involved with leadership of school at a very high level. Important work and accountability. (See NUSC membership, responsibilities and purpose on the NU website.)

**B. Election**

i. Site Council Voting: September 23, 2020 at Back to School Night

**Tim:** Typically, nominations are made parents and students offer their names. This year, parents and students were invited to today's Site Council meeting. Anyone interested, will be on ballot. Bylaws dictate membership make up. Make-up: 50% Teachers, 25% other members/parents, 25% students. Administration are not voting members of the Site Council.

ii. Election Results: on September 24, 2020

6. **CLOSING**

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, October 8, 2020 (4:00 - 5:30 PM)

7. **ADJOURNMENT (at 4:38p)**

i. Motion to Adjourn. **Katie LaValley**

**Justin Coyle**, seconded.

Unanimously approved.

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