

Shaping Experiences Today, Guaranteeing Success Tomorrow

Nevada Union High School Site Council Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020 **NUHS Room J204** 4:00 p.m.

Welcome: August Sankey, Chair Minutes: Faith Tannenbaum

1. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:01

B. Agenda (Consent Approval)

C. Minutes from 1/23/2020

Evelyn moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, June seconds, motion passes

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)

Faith/ Student Council Rep.: summary of HOCO week, student play achievement, and board meeting reports

B. Principal (non-action item)

RHODEN: we are still focused on PLC, we finished all training with Maria, new plan is put in place and dates are coordinated for PLC meetings next year, staff meetings are now focused on behaviors in classrooms/campus observations, more trauma informed training is to come. We are doing fewer and fewer off campus suspensions because we have not seen this be too successful, in-school suspension has more effect as these students are not being allowed to go home and repeat these behaviors. With the sunshine coming in, there are more bad behaviors coming out it seems.

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

Bishop: We are responsible for a report about the progress we have made so far this year, we made an action plan and Kelly/Luke/Tim have been working off this. We have released that 45 page plan, the data associated with it, along with Kelly's comments. Recently we had the Action Plan Summit, I think we had a really fantastic day, we looked at the data and where we needed to be adjusting. We took the information and threaded them into the goals we already had, instead of coming up with a completely new goal. Added to the first goal are some restorative practices. Big overall themes talked about were disconnected freshmen, and enrollment drops between 9th and 10th grades, along with a large achievement gap between socio-economic classes. This year we have a data team that meets weekly, our fluency with this data, and the overall ability to look at this data has increased. In about a month there is a visiting committee coming back, they are currently reading our report, and they will be here March 8-10. We are trying to prepare the staff and campus right now. It is being communicated to the staff that this may be a time to "show off" the variety of things we do. For you guys, I want to extend an invitation on Sunday afternoon to meet/greet, talk about the school, and tour the campus.

August: Are they coming this week? I have got to get my hair retwisted!

Bishop: Love that but nope, they are here the 8th, 9th, and 10th of March.

Kelly: I just got off the phone with the committee chair and he is asking that parents and community be available from 4-5. Bella, Faith, and August will be giving the tour from 3-4.

Melissa: Any need for parents on Monday or Tuesday?

Bishop: Not so much as of right now.

Kelly: Debbie will share that document with all of you, I will make sure .

4. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Faith: Student Congress reports and questions, are there mental health and trauma services surrounding sexual assault cases?

Kelly: we have the STARS program, students should start by telling their councilor.

Browning: Also, any student can file a "statement" by walking into any office and asking, all staff are trained on what to do for this "statement".

Kelly: We are also testing out a vape detector now. I will not share where this location is.

Browning: We have to test this out, it can be sensitive to noise, so there are kinks that still need to be worked out.

Kelly: Here's a perfect example for you, the other night we were in a meeting in Silver Springs. Sensor goes off, we check cameras, it was just the janitor cleaning. We have 28 bathrooms, it works best right now financially to have a few sensors and move them around.

Melissa: what happens if a student gets caught vaping?

Luke Browning: If a kid gets caught, the first offense is a meeting and search, everything found on them is confiscated. Last year, we even suspended the first offense but we found this had little effect because they are addicted. Students now have a brief intervention and are gaged in where they are at regarding use. That's level one, discipline goes up after that.

Evelyn: I have a friend that has tried to quit vaping, he is sent questions to different organizations about if he is addicted, etc..etc.. he still is not able to quit. Can these services be made more aware?

Browning: Yes! We will start promoting the Gold Mine and passing this information on.

June: Brief Intervention explained/description. Totally confidential service.

Melissa: Who is able to refer?

June: Anyone. Are you asking if a parent can report? Yes, you can always reach out to counselors and teachers if you need help.

June: Comment to Council, we have been working with a Interfaith Ministry food bank to create a food bank. This will open next Friday, we don't have word out yet, the purpose of the food pantry is for students, particularly over the weekend who may have limited access to food supply, will now have access to the open food pantry. We will have grocery bags and easy to cook meals that a student can make. Students do need to have an ID card and we will have people responsible for people inventoring food. Once we collect those metrics we can also do food drives here on campus.

Alling: can we send out a form asking questions about this need for food / students food availability?

June: once we have more of this idea pushed out, "Friday of Food", then yes! It will be held in G14 and this can be promoted in the Gold Mine.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Plastics on Campus

Grey Vogel

Grey Vogel: Plastic and PLA alternatives in school, Why do we have plastic? It's used for all sorts of reasons, it can be lightweight and hold liquid, all different types of uses etc.. The main problem is with single use plastics on campus, (demo and examples provided) straws, cups, forks, and food containers are just the start. This is a problem because when we don't recycle this plastic, it gets put in a landfill, wildlife and water source harm etc.. Garbage patch example that sits right above Hawaii. Plastics start to break down into small parts and woven into the food web and sand. Wildlife continues to consume this and have negative health benefits from the chemicals in plastics. Plastics all contain some sort of chemicals, coming from oil, the main three chemicals in plastics are BPA, phthalates (that softens plastic), and polyvinyl chloride. As I mentioned, plastics are made of oil which is a nonrenewable resource. Not cool. As a school we don't recycle. If we don't recycle, why not just use something else? Corn

Alternatives: PLA, the revolutionary product I am presenting about, it does not contain any of the three chemicals listed previously and is 100% BIODEGRADABLE. Cup example. However, this doesn't degrade in your backyard. It needs to go to a compost plant, about 103 in the US currently. I am 99% sure that yard and garden waste can take these cups to the compost plant for us.

Penny: You can just put these in your own bins! How cool!

Grey: Regarding finances, I am trying to eliminate spoons, forks, knives, and forks, (math does not include salad bowl costs). The difference is about \$67 per time of purchasing, for example for 10,000 it is \$67 dollars more, biannually a \$1800 difference. I think this price could be lowered by recycling the vending machine plastics from ASB profits.

Penny: How would this happen?

Kelly: We have the recycle bins, eco-nu was recycling what they could but we had issues with Waste Management because any contamination mis-hap results in Waste Managements throwing the whole bag away.

Alling: To be clear we do still recycle paper, there still is a problem with contamination.

Grey: Mr. Buti had an idea to have a composting site on campus potentially.

August: Could we use on-site suspension work this possibly? Students could even take food home.

Alling: August takes AG classes! Students have done this in the past.

Penny: Excitement from parents! Lets work to reduce this, even 20% would be an accomplishment.

Grey: Again, Buti proposed making soil based on compostables etc.. and even selling that soil. PLA could potentially pay for itself with this.

B. Get Focused, Stay Focused

Katie Alling and Students

Alling: introduction, get focused-stay focused in AG departments, etc..

Rylaa Silva: Presented Get Focused Stay Focused Final, currently a freshman at NU, 10 year plan- nursing, family, health. Nurse career salary information... How to support expensive hobbies, training and schooling needed for this to happen, college potentials, how to get to college and what classes are needed, cost of schooling, working throughout high school with a car. How do my classes help me now? English- communication skills, Math- job understanding, PE- strong body to assist patients, Science- knowing the human body and making the best choices for future patients. Current Skills? People skills, medical experience, fit body type, motivation and plan! Bad habits and how to change- I have anxiety, more exposure and working through. Procrastination- having a planner, more organization. Overview of 5 year plan, mission statement: helping, passion, confidence in career path.

Kelly: All this work keeps growing with the students and plans are adjusted/revised every year. One goal from the action plan was to address college readiness and that is again part of why we have brought this program in.

Alling: The two lessons that I gave that were not scripted, healthcare and retirement saving plans, students were very engaged. Very rewarding.

C. WASC Mid Progress Report Review - Gordon Bishop

Expectation for WASC Visit

Previously talked about.

D. Site Plan for Student Achievement

Kelly: Not quite ready yet, will be addressed later.

E. Teacher Survey - Grading Blocks

Alling: I move that we adjourn and pick up where we left off at the next meeting.

Mark: Motion seconded

Motion passes by voice majority and meeting adjourned.

7. CLOSING

A. Next meeting date set for Thursday, March 12, 2020 (4:00 - 5:30 PM) J204

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.