

University High School Council

Minutes 2020-2021

Meeting Date: 10/20/2020

Meeting Location: Zoom

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
		Beth Braun	Iselle Barrios	
	Andrea Evans	Kimberly King		Barney Holtzman
	Rosalinda Rodriguez	Jeff Marchant	Sydney Kim	James Mandolini
		Ann Mitchell	Jade Kuan	Paisley McGuire
		Jacob Ollanik	Ananya Munjal	Marcela Kepic
				Amber Kleefeld
	Community Members	Leiba Schuneman		Kara Vathauer
		Matt Ulrich	Mila Tomizuka	
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Joel Bacilia	Mike Schmidt	Rachel Dai	Siobhan Daniel
	Administration		Randy Navarro	Tim Sonier
	Kevin Gebert		Andy Penleton	
	Kris Tully			

Agenda:

- I. Meeting called to order at: 3:32 Leiba Schuneman

- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by: Mr. Ulrich
 - b. Seconded by: Mr. Mandoili
 - c. Discussion/Debate: none
 - d. Vote: unanimous

- III. Approval of the September 8th, 2020 Minutes
 - a. Motion by: Mr. Ulrich
 - b. Seconded by: Ms. Barrios
 - c. Discussion/Debate:
 - 5.3.1. amend "is this a legal concern?" notes from last weeks notes Mr. Mrachant
 - d. Vote: unanimous

- IV. Call to the Audience:

No notifications received and no audience members present

- V. Discussion & Action Items

- a. Discussion Item: Revision of elements to include in letter to TUSD Governing Board and Administration with concerns and recommendations for the recently approved hybrid reopening procedures.
 - i. Discussion/Debate:
 1. Ms. Evans- hybrid model highlights: classes 48-58 minutes; school will release at 11:40; 0 period begins ~7:30am; Wednesday will be all virtual; possible AM/PM cohort on Wednesdays; 60% threshold by splitting the alpha by site
 2. Ms. Rodriguez- ventilation presentation and airflow will occur at the next school board meeting
 3. Mr. Holtzman- IC asked for us to write a letter during the last council meeting. Did the Instructional Council return with any comments/concerns to us?
 4. Ms. Mitchell (IC rep)- No, nothing from IC as the information we have is still too vague
 5. Ms. Schuneman (IC rep) due to the rapid changes it seems that there isn't really time for this body to propose, draft, and submit a letter as change by the school board is so rapid. Voices from our community are being heard as ~50% of the call to audience was RUHS members
 6. Ms. Kim- how will Zero hour function
 7. Evans- a work in progress due to our shared bell schedule
 8. Mr. Marchant- are we supposed to be coming up a list of concerns or are we deciding that we will create a letter?
 - a. Are in person people leave at noon'ish from class going to have difficulties attending after school activities? Is this going to be a hardship for families?
 9. Ms. Rodriguez- maybe grouping sports/activities students as remote and only arriving on campus after 3pm for sports and fine arts. It is a concern and it's undecided
 10. Mr. Holtzman- Is the decision process now trickling down to each site or is admin waiting for more guidance from the board before making decisions?
 11. Ms. Evans- Our hands are tied; directives are given from board. At this point admin cannot make any decisions that are unique to our site/campus. Therefore the superintendent/board is who we would draft a letter to if we wish
 12. Ms. Schuneman- Which concerns are relevant, any hybrid specific concerns? Should we write a letter? A board meeting is scheduled for one week from today next week.
 13. Mr. Ulrich- Suggests that individuals concerns be sent into the board as call to the audience letters
 14. Mr. Marchant- Is this working in our favor being this much of the squeaky wheel? Would we be more effective with a single "voice" letter from our council.

15. Ms. Evans- “personal opinion” decisions are not organic in the meeting and that call to the audience letters are not negative “professional opinion” we are advocating for our entire RUHS campus which is unique for both/single community
16. Ms. Rodriguez- Anything that has to do with concerns about the hybrid model is worth speaking about. Believes that our concerns are being heard and that our voice is having a positive impact
17. Mr. Marchant- If we write a letter it should be in response to the hybrid model- recommendation. If we do decide to write a letter that it may need to revise it again as things are continuing to change
18. Mr. Holtzman- The biggest concern is lack of understanding the model and its implementation. With our limited time a letter to encourage implementation in January because of our many questions. All details should be clear before implementation
19. Ms. Tomizuka – How will implementation occur beginning in November without details? The letter should contain both concerns about lack of clarity and suggestion for Jan implementation
20. Ms. Barrios- Using the information learned at the next meeting we can decide to write a letter then
21. Ms. Rodriguez- recommends that we do not write a letter as a group but that we email/or write a letter for call to the audience. There’s not enough time
22. Ms. Schuneman- As we are not all of one mind boiling our ideas into one letter may be difficult. Recommends adding this discussion item to our next Site Council meeting.
23. Ulrich- suggests that the letter writing is an actionable item

VI. Committee & Misc. Reports

a. Principal’s Report – Evans

- i. Preparing for hybrid safety, the vote will hopefully be decided at the board meeting on Oct 24th and admin will instruct faculty and staff from there. Our current numbers state that our county is ready to return to school but those may change before the next board meeting.

b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Rodriguez

- i. Not a lot has changed. Currently we have \$24,279 undesignated tax credit \$12,182 was used to pay stipends and benefits since our last report July 1st

c. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report– Rodriguez

- i. Currently scheduling virtual meetings with 7th grade councilors and Ms. Hernandez is working with schools. The media is helping to create videos

that will be shared on our webpage along with other updates. 8th grade testing will be in December, test will be on-line and on-site

- d. Instructional Council Report – Mitchell
 - i. No additional information
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association – Schuneman
 - i. Virtual Zoom mixer to be held the end of October
 - 1. Updates to come next meeting
- f. UHS Parents' Association –
 - i. 22nd donate \$22 to the PA and get a mask
 - ii. Mr. Mandolini- will be organizing Spanish poetry contest
 - iii. Ms. McGuire- Go Fund Me is in full swing and money has been provided for masks
- g. Student Council Report – Pendleton
 - i. Ms. Kim- weekly announcements on social media (Instagram and Facebook) with activities, surveys regarding racism and microaggressions as well as stress and mental health surveys to come
- VII. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- VIII. Reminders:
 - a. School Council meeting time and place will be posted 24 hours in advance (~~on UHS Admin. Bulletin Board and in public~~) (online at <http://uhssitecouncil.weebly.com/current-council-business.html>) Attendance and minutes will be submitted to a School Council officer prior to the next meeting.
 - b. Please observe proper decorum and schedule your time to be able to attend the entire School Council meeting. Each meeting should last 90 minutes and will be adjourned by 5:00 p.m. A quorum, your time, and your participation are valued assets of the UHS School Council.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned at: 4:29
 - a. Motion to adjourn.
 - i. Motion by: Ms. Vathauer
 - ii. Second by: Ms. Kuan
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020
(the day immediately before Veteran's day)**