

University High School Council

Minutes 2020-2021

Meeting Date: 11/10/2020

Meeting Location: Zoom

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

Agenda:

Meeting called to order at: 3:33 pm

- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by: Mike Schmidt
 - b. Seconded by: L. Scheunemann
 - c. Discussion/Debate: none
 - d. Vote: unanimous consent

- II. Approval of the October 20th, 2020 Minutes

Addendum: swap community member and faculty members
Send M. Schmidt editable version

 - a. Motion by: M. Schmidt
 - b. Seconded by: I. Barrios
 - c. Discussion/Debate: none
 - d. Vote: unanimous consent

- III. Call to the Audience: none

- IV. Discussion & Action Items
 - a. Discussion Item: Online procedure for signing up for sitting subcommittees:
[Link](#) for subcommittee sign-up

First name, last name, email, and stakeholder group

- i. Budget Subcommittee: Chair R. Rodriguez handles grant requests and requests for undesignated tax monies
 - ii. Personnel Subcommittee: Chair M. Schmidt: necessary for hiring of administrators
 - iii. Policy Review Subcommittee:
 - iv. Curriculum Subcommittee: *(Student Placement Review Subcommittee amendment to change with minutes to Curriculum subcommittee)* Any new classes that are proposed to be taught will go through the subcommittee before heading on
- b. Discussion item: If a letter is to be sent from the UHS School Council to the TUSD Governing Board (see action item below), what elements should it include?
1. J. Bacalia: If anything were to move forward it should be done in the positive. For some students returning to campus is in their best interest for others it's best to stay home with a full day of virtual learning. It's going to be difficult to write with a single letter that achieves giving a voice to each perspective and stakeholder.
 2. S. Daniel: Clarifying who is writing a letter? Does each stakeholder group write a letter?
 3. M. Schmidt: What comes from our group must represent all stakeholders involved. With our 'stamp' comes the understanding that it does. A subset of concerned UHS teachers signed and sent a letter to the district
 4. S. Daniel: Her child, a junior, is questioning if a teacher is not comfortable on campus, do they have the ability to choose to remain remote?
 5. J. Bacalia: TUSD stance is 'no' teachers must return except for specific circumstances
 6. R. Rodriguez: Recommend that whatever is written and sent with this council is kind and with all stakeholders in mind. Our best option for a positive response is going to come from an encouraging and respectful perspective.
 7. J. Marchant: Concern with students first. Concerned that the hybrid schedule is meeting the needs of students. Supports a way to have students that are not in safe situations to return. But this hybrid schedule reduces the teaching hours and may not suit the students in need. It would be difficult to write a letter that encompasses the views of all students or all faculty. It's a hard decision because of so many views to write a unified written response.
 8. M. Ullrich: Agrees with Marchant, and also recommends not to write a unified letter. If a letter is written it should only include facts and the district already knows the facts.
 9. M. Schmidt: Asked the audience to please speak up if they have differing concerns/perspectives so that everyone can be heard

- ii. Update on Hybrid opening plan
- iii. Discussion of differing views of the reopening plan
- c. Action Item: Motion to produce and submit a letter from the UHS School council reflecting the items discussed in items
 - i. Motion by: M. Ulrich
 - ii. Seconded by: L. Scheunemann
 - iii. Vote by anonymous poll: NAY- 0 for, 21 against

V. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal's Report – J. Bacalia
 - i. AP Andrea Evans is moving to Borton as a Principal! Congrats
 - ii. We will remain in remote learning until Jan 4 when we will be reevaluated, there has been no discussion with principals. We'll continue to do our best to finish strong with the kids
 - iii. J. Bacalia will be meeting with the UHS PA next week
 - iv. Next Wednesday is morning coffee with J. Bacalia
 - v. Winter sports began yesterday but we will continue to be flexible
 - vi. Progress reports will be coming out shortly
 - 1. What is getting in the way of our student success?
 - vii. Math Club is continuing to do exceptionally well
 - viii. Band will be doing their final performance in a senior only setting
 - ix. Pictures next week, days assigned by grade
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Rodriguez
 - i. \$37,789.72 some extra duty payments were paid out
 - ii. \$33,102.55 ending balance
 - iii. No grants have come in for budget committee yet
- c. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report– Rodriguez
 - i. Ms. Hernandez is actively meeting with MS students; she's doing a great job of WOW'ing the 7th and 8th grade prospective students
 - ii. TUSD is rethinking the way we do admissions for this year only; no plan is completed but more answers to come by next meeting
 - 1. COGAT test will not take place this year
 - iii. Recruitment videos are in process
- d. Instructional Council Report – Mitchell
 - i. The last two meetings have focused on how to support faculty and what are teachers going to need to move forward
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association – Gebert or Tully (neither present)
 - i. J. Bacalia: Professional development materials, classroom supplies and continued support by the PA has been wonderful
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Daniel
 - i. Meeting Thursday 11/12
 - ii. Opening for VP on the PA general board application on the website

- iii. Encourage teachers to apply for grants
- g. Student Council Report – Pendleton
 - i. The Headless Hunt- big scavenger hunt for points, huge success
 - ii. Next spirit week in planning stages
- VI. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- VII. 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.
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned at: 4:26
 - a. Motion to adjourn.
 - i. Motion by: K. Vathauer
 - ii. Second by: J. Marchant
 - iii. Vote:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December ___th, 2020