**University High School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 2017; 3:30 p.m.**

**UHS Library**

Members Present: Bill Tong, Barbara Hughes, Mary Palacio-Hum, Karen Peters, David Pietz, Paul Todd, Lea Standridge, George Youngerman, Katherine Ciaramello, Vania Ding, Lila Frenkel, Noel Muluneh, Carolina Oliva-Martinez, David Herring, Paul Karlowicz, Mike Schmidt, Hannah Traquair, Meg Tully, Bob Yell, Amy Cislak, Joel Bacalia, Theresa Hurley, Kevin Gebert, Kris Tully

1. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Moved: Peters b. Second: Standridge
2. Approval of the Oct. 17th, 2017 minutes
   1. Moved: Peters b. Second: Standridge
3. Call to the Audience
4. Discussion & Action Items
   1. Action Item: JSA Funding Request - $1000 to assist with attendance at conventions
      1. Motion to approve
         1. Youngerman 2. Yell
      2. Student report re: Junior Statesmen of American funding for 1st semester
         1. Tessa Deconcini 2. Quinn Mack
      3. Youngerman: Amended motion for approve $500 for JSA
      4. Roll call vote on amended motion to approve $500 for JSA
         1. For: 22 2. Against: 1 Abstain: 1
         2. Motion passes
   2. Action/Discussion Item: Approval of TUSD High School Reconfiguration Report
      1. Motion to approve
         1. Karlowicz, with instruction to chair to submit the response to TUSD
         2. Bacalia
      2. Background: Meg Tully
         1. TUSD Board’s request for feedback from UHS, Rincon and Catalina
         2. The report includes all three schools’ responses
      3. Discussion
         1. Karlowicz: Instruct Chair to correct any errors in the draft report
         2. Bacalia: When was School Council established? Karlowicz: 1988
         3. Gebert: Request for clarification
         4. Traquair: Admission in 2016-17 shows the need to maintain standards for students who are not doing well
         5. Schmidt: friendly amendment on page 64 of document
      4. Roll Call Vote on motion to approve the UHS response to the TUSD High School Reconfiguration Report passes unanimously
   3. Action/Discussion Item: Resolution from UHS School Council regarding suggested splitting up of UHS into satellite campuses.
      1. *University High School is accredited as an official high school, not a district program. University High School shall never be considered as a “program” of another high school or split into satellite campuses.*
      2. Roll call vote passes unanimously
   4. Action/Discussion Item: Application of Results Based Funding
      1. Motion to adopt the proposal and refer it to Instructional Council
         1. Karlowicz
         2. Peters
      2. Discussion
         1. Bacalia: see Spending Specifics guidelines
         2. Schmidt: Fund technology that serves for years rather than a program that may not receive funding in the future.
         3. Yell: Question re: limits on capital funding
         4. Karlowicz: Future funding for programs like Boost and the 9th grade house may not be guaranteed.
         5. Schmidt: Funding is based on AZ Merit scores
         6. Cislak: We still have to consider the importance of the AZ Merit test.
            1. Importance of the 9th Grade House structure to retain students.
            2. Funding will roll over, so we should hire in January or February
            3. We can only spend 49% of funds on computers
         7. Traquair: We should separate the issue of whether to have the House program from the funding of it.
         8. Youngerman: The House program allows coordination of scheduling tests. Teachers and students can improve success with a strong 9th grade start.
         9. Mrs. Stratton The House will not benefit my student.
         10. Ciaramello: How long does House funding last?
         11. Peters: The structure of students having 3 classes together develops supportive social groups.
         12. Todd: How do we pay for the House program in the future?
         13. Cislak: We will assess the effect of the program of the program annually.
         14. Schmidt: We are not in the same funding situation if we can’t perpetuate the House system.
         15. Cislak: If we can show data of the efficacy of BOOST, we can continue it for another year.
         16. Karlowicz: We are voting in principle whether to continue BOOST
         17. Student: Will House last if it didn’t help me?
         18. Cislak: We will postpone the vote until December.
         19. Traquair: Coordination of support for BOOST teachers allows more support for 9th grade students
         20. Peters: Can we block 1st Semester so students can develop bonds?
         21. Herring: What issues on campus are we trying to solve? We should consider the effect on the schedule.
      3. Motion to postpone balance of agenda until the December meeting.
         1. Yell 2. Traquair
         2. Motion passes unanimously.
         3. Items postponed:
            1. Action/Discussion Item: Appointment of UHS representatives to Community Forum +Plus School Community Partnership Council
            2. Action/Discussion Item: Approval of application process for student instructors
            3. Action/Discussion Item: Approval of dual enrollment courses in French, German, and Creative Writing
            4. Action/Discussion Item: Expansion of Film Analysis and US Military History to more than one class period for 2018-2019 SY
            5. Action/Discussion Item: Development of Culturally Relevant Courses at UHS for 2018-2019 SY and/or future years
5. Committee & Misc. Reports
   1. Principal’s Report: Cislak
      1. Campus cleanup,
      2. Ranger Band
      3. Boys’ Basketball team upset Salpointe
      4. Planning for registration in January and February
      5. Advertising for job will occur in March
   2. Tax Credit & Budget Report: Youngerman
      1. Fund $7089.37
      2. Funding for Mindfulness Program
         1. Approximately $2800 needed, possibly in January.
         2. No funding came in this November
   3. Recruitment & Retention Committee Report: Bacalia
      1. 6th and 7th grade night attendance was 122 students
         1. Some students said they “needed more information”
         2. Carmen Hernandez presented, as did sports such as football and basketball. Attendees received “goodie bags.”
         3. Door-to-door contacts planned for non-responders
      2. Considering additional positions
         1. Marketing position for UHS recruiting
         2. African-American specialist to work with Carmen Hernandez
   4. Instructional Council Report Issues
      1. Need to determine the number of classes needed
      2. The superintendent wants dual enrollment classes.
      3. Registration for Student Instructors (only seniors)
      4. New classes
      5. Registration in late January
   5. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association Report: Gebert
      1. Annual Campaign is beginning
      2. Goal is $30.000
   6. Parents Association Report:Youngerman
      1. Cislak: upbeat discussion
      2. Megan Brown: barely had quorum
   7. Student Council Report: Thanksgiving Tree in basement
6. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
7. Reminders:
   1. School Council meeting time and place will be posted 24 hours in advance (on UHS Admin. Bulletin Board and in public). Attendance and minutes will be submitted to a School Council officer prior to the next meeting.
   2. 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.
8. Adjournment
   1. Traquair
   2. Peters

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 3:30 p.m. in the RUHS Library**