

University High School Council

Minutes 2018-2019

Meeting Date: 2/12/2019

Meeting Location: RUHS Library

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Amy Cislak	Jeff Marchant	Iselle Barrios	Barbara Hughes
	Joel Bacalia	Ann Mitchell	Lauren Benz	Martha Lee
		Mike Schmidt		Mary Palacio-Hum
		Leiba Schuneman		Lea Standridge
	Staff	Hannah Sinclair		Kara Vathauer
		Chelsea Smith		George Youngerman
	Community Members	Matt Ulrich		
	Kevin Gebert			
	Kris Tully			
Members absent	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Andrea Evans	Kerry Balzer	Julian Barraza	Karen Peters
			Enrique Castillon	Bill Tong
			Derek "Brock" Lyons	
			Anissa Meza	
	Staff		Andy Pendleton	
	Martina Kimball		Alexys Rodgers	

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by Chair Mike Schmidt.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Schuneman ii. Standridge
 - ii. Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Approval of the January 15, 2019 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Standridge ii. Sinclair
 - b. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Discussion Item: Report from Mr. Marchant about the RUHS Jazz Band's trip to the Midwest Clinic
 - i. Mr. Marchant distributed a copy of the printed program *RUHS Jazz The Midwest Clinic Performance* to each School Council member. He thanked

the School Council for the funds allocated to help with the band's travel to Chicago. It was a great experience for the students!

- ii. The band was complimented on its high level of performance. The experience opened doors. For example, in February, members of the band participated in a corporate event at which AT&T Business gave fifteen students instruments and donated a \$5,000 gift to the RUMBA Booster Club.
 - iii. The fundraising concert that the Jazz Band held in December will likely become an annual event.
- b. Discussion Item: TUSD's proposed changes to the School Year Calendar
- i. The TUSD Governing Board approved next school year's calendar. The 2019-2020 calendar is posted on the TUSD website at tusd1.org. School will start on August 1, 2019.
 - ii. The Board sent the following two years back to the Calendar Committee for re-consideration.
 - iii. One idea proposed by the Governing Board: Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, schools would have five or six whole days of professional development (p.d.) instead of the Wednesday early-out schedule for p.d.
 - iv. The Calendar Committee will have a meeting on March 11, 2019 to continue the discussion. Individuals with an opinion about future school calendars may contact the Committee Chair, Mr. Dan Erickson.
- c. Discussion Item: Invitation for public comment on proposed TUSD Governing Board policy changes.
- i. School Council members were sent a special email about the TUSD policies and are encouraged to read the policies and provide feedback to the district.
- d. Action Item: Approval of the 2019 BOOST teachers
- i. Ulrich ii. Youngerman
 - ii. Mr. Ulrich announced the roster of teachers.
 - iii. The list was approved by unanimous consent.
- e. Action Item: Approval of the Policy revisions presented by the Policy Review Subcommittee
- i. Standridge ii. Lee
 - ii. Discussion: The Instructional Council (IC) approved the Subcommittee's recommendations. The IC has briefly discussed restructuring departments (to deal with uneven numbers of members in the various departments) and will pick up the discussion later.
 - iii. Through a roll call vote, the School Council unanimously approved the Policy revisions presented by the Policy Review Subcommittee as posted publicly.

V. Committee & Misc. Reports

a. Principal's Report – Cislak

- i. UHS administration is working on budgeting for next year. The district faces reductions in "deseg" monies, so higher student:teacher ratios will

- become necessary. Ms. Cislak will share details of the budget when plans are more defined.
- ii. For next year's freshman class, over 460 students have been offered admissions. 6 students said no, but 3 might change mind. Some 80 students taking multiple measure. Of these, 215 students have given a hard yes.
- iii. The UHS administration is pleased that groups of students are coming from middle schools that had lower representation in recent years.
- iv. On February 26, 2019, UHS will host a Freshmen Acceptance Gala with a red carpet theme!
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Youngerman
 - i. Funds are standing at \$16,796, with \$700 of that committed to help support a college tour organized by the CCCC.
 - ii. No net donations were received in December-January.
 - iii. No group has asked for grants recently.
- c. Recruitment and Retention – Evans (reported by Bacalia on her behalf)
 - i. UHS is hosting recruiting pizza parties at middle schools. One was held at Dodge MS today. A student signed up while recruiters were there.
- d. Instructional Council (IC) – Schuneman
 - i. The IC considered the policy revisions mentioned above.
 - ii. The IC discussed honors endorsement on diplomas. Currently, 90% of seniors graduate with honors. What is the usefulness of this endorsement with such a high rate of attainment? The IC will continue to discuss and eventually make a decision.
 - iii. The IC talked about course selection process for next year. The English Department decided to do away with an English Placement Test. Language and Math Placement tests will continue.
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association (UHSFAA) – Gebert
 - i. The UHSFAA raised around \$30,000 in its annual fundraiser.
 - ii. Students can learn about the Keys-to-College: College Application Assistance, Micro Grants, and the Pilote Scholarship on the USFAA website at <https://uhsfaa.org/grants-for-students/>.
 - iii. Thank you, UHS Foundation and Alumni Association!
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Hughes
 - i. At the February meeting, there was a Freshman Panel, featuring freshmen students talking about their experiences.
 - ii. In March, there will be a panel talking about lessening student stress.
 - iii. On February 2, the UHSPA hosted an event for parents during the Inaugural Ball. A silent auction at the event raised \$1,732 for the UHSPA Annual Fund.
 - iv. Campus Beautification will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2019.
- g. Student Council (StuCo) Report – Postponed – Members were busy preparing for an assembly on February 14, 2019.

VI. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items to Chairperson- Mike Schmidt through email.)

VII. Reminders:

- a. 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.
- 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. Adjournment at 4:14 p.m.

- a. Motion: Bacalia Second: Gebert
- b. Unanimous consent.