

University High School Council

Minutes 2021-2022

Meeting Date: 2/8/22

Meeting Location: RUHS Library & ZOOM

|                 |                    |                    |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Members present | Administration     | Faculty            | Students     | Parents      |
|                 | B. Ranjel          |                    | E. Cleveland |              |
|                 | J. Apaez-Gutierrez | A. Morris          |              | J. Mandolini |
|                 | A. Evans           | K. Nieves Pichardo | S. Kim       | M. Root      |
|                 |                    | M. Palos           |              | T. Wroth     |
|                 |                    | R. Schmidt         | D. Quihuis   |              |
|                 |                    | L. Schuneman       | A. Ramos     | D. Wilson    |
|                 | Community Members  | J. Marchant        | S. Titus     | C. Turnbull  |
|                 |                    | S. Stuart          |              | S. Rosenberg |
|                 | D. Tellez          |                    |              |              |
| Members absent  | Community Members  | Faculty            | Students     | Parents      |
|                 | D. Guthrie         | T. Gribble         | E. Leroy     | B. Holtzman  |
|                 |                    |                    | A. Munjal    | J. Salyards  |
|                 |                    |                    | A. Goldberg  |              |
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm by Schmidt
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion- Ranjel
    - ii. Second- Apaez-Gutierrez
  - b. Agenda approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of the January 11, 2022, Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion- Marchant
    - ii. Second- Morris
  - b. Minutes have not been approved
    - i. Schmidt to fix minutes title/label and we'll approve next meeting

- IV. Call to Audience
  - a. No one present
  
- V. Discussion and Action Items
  - a. Action Item: Approval of undesignated credit grant in the amount of \$4710.60 towards the approximately \$9421.20 cost of football helmets that exceed current safety minimums
    - i. Guthrie (not present)– Budget Subcommittee recommendation
      - i. Unanimously voted to recommend to school council (Schmidt)
    - ii. Motion - Schuneman
    - iii. Second - Ranjel
      - i. Rincon vs. UHS student roster of team -was this taken into consideration when split 50/50? (Tellez)
        - 1. Yes, it was. Other sports that are primarily UHS and minority Rincon are split 50/50, so this was considered to do the same (Schmidt)
      - ii. Coach Copeland came to both administrations to discuss current safety standards. Over half of helmets have expired. More safe helmets = visibility of football program and help recruit. One of the many upgrades to equipment taking place (Ranjel)
      - iii. Are there secondary sources out of site council helping ot fund? (Marchant)
        - 1. There are additional entities helping to fund, the remainder was split between Rincon & UHS (Schmidt)
      - iv. Rincon only approved \$2500 (Schmidt/Marchant)
      - v. After this, we'd still have just under \$40,000 left in budget; would need \$14,000-\$16,000 reserved for stipends (Schmidt)
      - vi. Coach Copeland presented on helmets and safety improvements
        - 1. Significant increase in head injuries this past year
      - vii. What is the price per helmet? Shelf-life? (Marchant)
        - 1. \$335/helmet and shelf-life of 4 years without anything being done or having to be thrown out. After every season, the helmets are refurbished. Shelf-life of new helmets higher than the ones we currently have (Copeland)
      - viii. Thank you to Coach Copeland for being concerned with safety of students and bringing this forward! (Rosenberg)
    - iv. Result: PASSED (17 in support; 3 opposition; 1 abstain)

**Roll Call Vote:**

|                 | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Not Present |
|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|
| Apaez-Gutierrez | x   |     |         |             |
| Cleveland       | x   |     |         |             |
| Evans           | x   |     |         |             |
| Goldberg        |     |     |         | x           |
| Gribble         |     |     |         | x           |
| Guthrie         |     |     |         | x           |
| Holtzman        |     |     |         | x           |
| Kim             | x   |     |         |             |
| Leroy           |     |     |         | x           |
| Mandolini       |     | x   |         |             |
| Marchant        | x   |     |         |             |
| Morris          | x   |     |         |             |
| Munjal          |     |     |         | x           |
| Nieves Pichardo |     | x   |         |             |

|           | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Not Present |
|-----------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|
| Palos     | x   |     |         |             |
| Quihuis   | x   |     |         |             |
| Ramos     |     | x   |         |             |
| Ranjel    | x   |     |         |             |
| Root      | x   |     |         |             |
| Rosenberg | x   |     |         |             |
| Salyards  |     |     |         | x           |
| Schuneman | x   |     |         |             |
| Stuart    | x   |     |         |             |
| Tellez    | x   |     |         |             |
| Titus     | x   |     |         |             |
| Turnbull  | x   |     |         |             |
| Wilson    | x   |     |         |             |
| Wroth     |     |     | x       |             |

b. Action Item: Approval of the addition of the Applied Sustainability course to the UHS course registry

- i. Apaez-Gutierrez- Recommendation of Curriculum Subcommittee
  - i. Recommends approval of the course
  - ii. Applied Sustainability approved by district board (Schmidt)
- ii. Motion - Morris
- iii. Second – Ranjel
  - i. Is this an elective? (Marchant) Yes! Student choice.
  - ii. Approval does not necessarily mean the course will run, allows students select it if they choose to. Will only run if enough students sign up to take it. Can be taken as a 1 semester course or 1 year. (Apaez-Gutierrez)
  - iii. We don't have a lot of semester courses to go along with Honors Econ and Health, this will help offer another option of semester classes. (Schmidt)
  - iv. Worried about how this class will affect other electives in science. Is very similar to AP Environmental Science. Many students take AP Biology as a senior, so this might conflict with enrollment in Biology or doing twice of what they already know without expanding new knowledge. Being presented as a class that has 0 homework. Worried students will take it because there is no homework vs. wanting to take the subject (Nieves)
  - v. Conversations/interests amongst students - AP Biology still popular amongst those students who are interested in sciences and applying to particular universities/colleges. Sustainability

- seems to offer an opportunity to bring some balance to some seniors schedules or interests (Palos)
- vi. With creation for engineering class, the conversation was similar. 4<sup>th</sup> years science carries more weight, students still encouraged to take biology if that's a path they're interested. Don't present the class as a 4<sup>th</sup> year science (Schmidt)
  - vii. Do we find ourselves in need of more electives? Do we have people who can't get into electives? Is there a need for this class based upon scheduling? (Marchant)
    - 1. Students we're often placing in electives such as Yoga, etc., when students are still identifying passions or finding an elective that suites their needs would benefit all students to help them find electives that aren't in fine arts & engineering. Want to be able to provide comprehensive options to all students (Evans)
  - viii. Very interested in having electives, but concerned about similarities to what we already have. We do need more electives, but maybe not this class. (Nieves)
  - ix. From the student perspective, for those students not interested in AP science course senior year, other electives would be nice (Titus)
  - x. Would this count as a science credit? (Quihuis) No
  - xi. Currently enrolled in AP biology and based upon description would not take sustainability instead of biology (Quihuis)
  - xii. It was not advertised or presented as a hard science, doesn't think students looking for 4<sup>th</sup> year of STEM would surpass biology for sustainability. As far as AP Enviro, this is required, so it wouldn't interfere with electives necessarily. (Kim)

iv. Result: Result: PASSED (18 in support; 1 opposition; 2 abstain)

***Roll Call Vote:***

|                 | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Not Present |
|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|
| Apaez-Gutierrez | x   |     |         |             |
| Cleveland       | x   |     |         |             |
| Evans           | x   |     |         |             |
| Goldberg        |     |     |         | x           |
| Gribble         |     |     |         | x           |
| Guthrie         |     |     |         | x           |
| Holtzman        |     |     |         | x           |
| Kim             | x   |     |         |             |
| Leroy           |     |     |         | x           |
| Mandolini       | x   |     |         |             |
| Marchant        | x   |     |         |             |
| Morris          | x   |     |         |             |
| Munjal          |     |     |         | x           |
| Nieves Pichardo |     | x   |         |             |

|           | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Not Present |
|-----------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|
| Palos     | x   |     |         |             |
| Quihuis   | x   |     |         |             |
| Ramos     | x   |     |         |             |
| Ranjel    | x   |     |         |             |
| Root      | x   |     |         |             |
| Rosenberg | x   |     |         |             |
| Salyards  |     |     |         | x           |
| Schuneman | x   |     |         |             |
| Stuart    | x   |     |         |             |
| Tellez    | x   |     |         |             |
| Titus     | x   |     |         |             |
| Turnbull  |     |     | x       |             |
| Wilson    | x   |     |         |             |
| Wroth     |     |     | x       |             |

- c. Discussion Item: Mandolini: Grant opportunity for teachers through Rotary
  - i. Rotary Local – microgrants to classroom (<http://www.rotarylocal.org>)
  - ii. Upper limit of grant? (Ranjel) \$500

VI. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal’s Report – Ranjel
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> day of accreditation process was today and will continue through Thursday
  - ii. Challenge Success team to meet tomorrow (2/9 @ 2:15pm)
  - iii. Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> ½ day – Penguin Pathways (9&10), ASVAB (11 & 12)
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Guthrie (not present; Schmidt provided recap)
  - i. Keep about \$20,000 set aside for stipends; are on track to do this
- c. Recruitment and Retention – Apaez-Gutierrez
  - i. Mailed out TUSD acceptances; students in district who have qualified can accept their admissions
  - ii. Sending out acceptance letters for non TUSD students this week
- d. Instructional Council (IC) - Schuneman
  - i. Students will choose classes for next year in math classes next week

- ii. Benchmarks currently ongoing
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association (UHSFAA) – Tellez
  - i. No new updates
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Rosenberg
  - i. Parents Meeting on Thursday 2/10 (also a Zoom option)
  - ii. Grad Night Committee, encourage seniors to register for graduation night
- g. Student Council – Quihuis
  - i. Inaugural was last Saturday, went great (only feedback was on DJ)
  - ii. Candygrams being sold now
  - iii. Spirit week next week
  - iv. Town Halls next week, specific days by grade. After town halls will meet with Ranjel to provide student insight/feedback
  - v. Prom – AZ Sands (?) club, near football field
- VII. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items to Schmidt through email.)
  - i. Why is the March meeting so long? (Stuart)
  - ii. Long because we already have 4 items for next month and also March is usually the meeting where we have to approve undesignated tax credit and other things we have to do annually (Schmidt)
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Adjournment at 4:33pm.
  - i. Motion: Schuneman
  - ii. Second: Morris
  - iii. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**