

University High School Council

Minutes 2020-2021

Meeting Date: 2/9/2021

Meeting Location: Zoom

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| Members present | Administration | Faculty | Students | Parents |
| | Joel Bacalia | Kimberly King | Iselle Barrios | Siobhan Daniel |
| | Karla Martinez | Ann Mitchell | Sydney Kim | Amber Kleefeld |
| | Rosalinda Rodriguez | Jacob Ollanik | Jade Kuan | James Mandolini |
| | | Michelle Reed | Ananya Munjal | Paisley McGuire |
| | | Mike Schmidt | Randy Navarro | |
| | | Leiba Schuneman | Andy Pendleton | |
| | Community Members | Matt Ulrich | Mila Tomizuka | |
| | Kris Tully | | | |
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| Members absent | Community Members | Faculty | Students | Parents |
| | Kevin Gebert | Jeff Marchant | Rachel Dai | Barney Holtzman |
| | Administration | | | Tim Sonier |
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Agenda:

- I. Meeting called to order at: 3:33PM

- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - i. Motion by: L. Schuneman
 - ii. Seconded by: R. Rodriguez
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: None

- III. Approval of the January 12th, 2020 Minutes
 - i. Motion by: J. Bacalia
 - ii. Seconded by: M. Reed
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: None

- IV. Call to the Audience
 - i. None

V. Discussion & Action Items

- i. Discussion Item: As requested by the Asst. Superintendent, a bulleted list of the characteristics that UHS would most like to see from the incoming principal hire.

M. Schmidt: there is an order of operations that the district follows to ensure that all steps are in order to hire principal and assistant principal.

M. Schmidt read/presented highlights from faculty survey

- a. Review of faculty responses from weekend survey

- i. Friendly, willing to listen to all stakeholders
- ii. Understanding of school culture/college prep. School
 1. Willingness to learn about the culture of UHS
- iii. Knowledge for how to advocate for the unique characteristics of UHS
 1. AP focused school
- iv. Advocate for UHS and teachers
 1. Advocate for our own campus
- v. Lifelong learner
- vi. Desire to assist teachers
- vii. Classroom teacher experience/AP courses
- viii. Reflective professional
- ix. Communicates honestly, openly, thoroughly, frequently, willingly
- x. Not afraid to make mistakes
- xi. Doesn't play favorites
- xii. Will work with Rincon
 1. Dynamics of shared campus
- xiii. Organized
- xiv. Highly visible on campus
- xv. Interacting with students, hype person
- xvi. Community oriented
- xvii. Supportive
 1. Arts and extracurriculars
 2. Commitment to antiracist curriculum
- xviii. Values transparency
- xix. Value of alumni and parent groups

- b. Edit/supplement the faculty list with suggestions from the School Council

Input from council regarding bullet point list

- Bacalia- great list, working within a USP (unitary status plan), willingness to learn the details of the USP and then follow through
- Kleefeld- importance of communication
 - Proactive and positive
- Bacalia + Schmidt- importance of intention and vision towards moving us towards our mission statement

- Holtzman- rather than vision, bringing stakeholders together to develop a vision and then execute it
- Willing to understand and advocate for UHS and its unique needs that reaches beyond TUSD standard policy
- Advocates without creating conflict
- Bacalia- works with teacher leaders, leans on teachers
- Schuneman- Prefers “Ability” rather than “Willingness”

Mr. Schmidt will send a final version to the council before sending to Mr. Rose

- ii. Discussion Item: Update on what is known (and still unknown) about school reopening plans/summer programs
 - a. Schmidt: TUSD is looking to reopen schools at the end of March, the majority of UHS parents would prefer to either return to school as “normal” or remain virtual until next school year
 - b. Schmidt: Boost, Bounce, and Blast. Bounce and Blast (1 week each) will be taught remote in June. Boost (2weeks) will be in person in July immediately preceding school. We are currently looking for Bounce and Blast directors.
 - c. Bacalia: Bounce and Blast may be a bit more festive this year and include meeting teachers and learning the campus

VI. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal’s Report J. Bacalia
 - i. School quality survey went out
 - a. Families appreciated being valued and that resources are available.
 - b. Work on creating more value in parent-teacher conferences and improve ease of access to teachers and staff
 - c. Talking about how to build online skill and confidence building optional courses
 - d. Summer credit recovery- what could this look like? Considering
 - e. Re-entry plan- hybrid for 4 days per week
 - i. We would like to see in person graduation- in person? In doors?
 - f. AP testing windows will exist to help compensate for virtual learning and allow students more time to prepare
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report R. Rodriguez
 - i. \$54,XXX to begin the month
 - ii. \$50,060.24 ending balance
- c. Recruitment & Retention Committee Report R. Rodriguez

- i. Exciting News! Cogat test is a go for students that do not have AZMerit scores. A lot of these students are outside TUSD. There will be two review sessions and Cogat testing for students outside of the district March 6th with make up on March 9th.
 - ii. Welcome student gala on March 10th and 11th, it will be a drive through event.

- d. Instructional Council Report A. Mitchell
 - i. Talking about summer programs and what students might need with department discussions.
 - ii. A lot of talk about credit recovery program, the discussion is evolving
 - iii. April testing schedule, several state tests are mandated to be given in person on campus

- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association Report Ms. Tully
 - i. Nothing new

- f. Parents Association Report Ms. Daniel
 - i. Parent meeting on Thursday
 - ii. Extra funds available because we're spending a little less than "normal"
 - iii. Parent survey was sent out recently
 - iv. This meeting will have grade breakout rooms

- g. Student Council Report A. Pendleton
 - i. Friendly February
 - i. Students complete tasks
 - 1. Theme to be friendly
 - ii. Prize pool, hopes this will encourage students to continue participation
 - iii. Teacher appreciation discussion

- h. Personnel Committee Report/Possible need for emergency meeting M. Schmidt
 - i. If anyone would like to join the personnel committee, please email M. Schmidt
 - ii. We many need to call an emergency meeting for principal hiring
 - iii. Transparency- due to the stress and rigors of last year's hiring process M. Schmidt will not be heading the committee. The personnel committee will need to have a new head of hiring committee, details of that process will come soon.

- 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~~) on the UHS Site Council website: <http://uhssitecouncil.weebly.com/> 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. Motion to Adjourn: 4:52 pm
- i. Motion by: K. King
 - ii. Seconded by: J. Bacalia
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021