

University High School Council

Minutes 2021-2022

Meeting Date: 4/12/22

Meeting Location: RUHS Library & ZOOM

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	B. Ranjel	T. Gribble		
	J. Apaez-Gutierrez	A. Morris		J. Mandolini
	A. Evans	K. Nieves Pichardo	S. Kim	M. Root
		M. Palos		S. Rosenberg
		R. Schmidt		J. Salyards
		L. Schuneman		C. Turnbull
	Community Members		S. Titus	T. Wroth
	D. Guthrie	S. Stuart		D. Wilson
	D. Tellez			
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	Students	Parents
		J. Marchant	E. Cleveland	B. Holtzman
			A. Goldberg	
		A. Ramos (student)	E. Leroy	
		A. Munjal (student)	D. Quihuis	

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm by Schmidt
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve **as amended**
 - i. Motion- Stuart
 - ii. Second- Salyards
 - b. Agenda approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of the March 8, 2022, Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Motion- Schuneman
 - ii. Second- Ranjel
 - b. (Guthrie) under action item B, couldn't tell if it was something coming from budget or other sources. (Schmidt) no this is money granted from the state based on APs and grade level tests (AZ Merit/ACT), limited ways this can be used, site council has voted for it to go primarily towards teacher bonuses
 - c. Agenda approved by unanimous consent
- IV. Call to Audience
 - a. (Rachel Dai) FBLA, president. 6 members (Rachel Dai, Jacqueline No, Ojas Sanghi, Piper Barager, Leia Kadlec, & 1 more) qualified for National Leadership

Conference in Chicago. Qualified in the past but the first time they've been able to attend.

- i. \$20,000 total to cover trip expenses (students & chaperone)
- ii. Requesting \$10,000, fundraising and have currently have raised about \$3,000

V. Principal & Policy Review Subcommittee Reports (Ranjel needs to leave early)

a. Principal's report

- i. ACT testing last Thursday (April 7) & CPR for senior graduation
- ii. Student performances (dance, choir, band) happening this month
- iii. National French & German exams & state testing taking place
- iv. APs approaching, AP prep sessions starting

b. Policy Review Subcommittee Report

- i. Shared proposed changes to policy document with staff at PD
 - 1. School wide calendar to coordinate testing across the campus
 - 2. Approving reduction of schedules without IC
- ii. Would like to table to get more feedback and discuss from stakeholders
- iii. (Salyards) what's the make up of IC? (Ranjel) department chairs, admin, librarian, site council chair

VI. Discussion and Action Items

a. Discussion Item: How to obtain stake-holder data about the proposed policy revisions regarding; student reduced schedule request approval policy and suggested homework load per day and gathering information about the possible introduction of a common calendar of student testing and other student responsibilities.

- i. (Rosenberg) PA meetings, share background and seek feedback
- ii. (Palos) challenge success questions/data? Can we resend some of these post covid? Those about homework, work load, responsibilities?
- iii. (Schmidt) discussing there what might be included on calendar.
- iv. (Ranjel) working on surveying current students by grade about homework, etc. Collecting data at student of the month: Whats your favorite thing? What would you change if you were principle? Seniors answered a survey last week at CPR/grad requirement meeting.
- v. (Mandolini) band keeps a comprehensive calendar to integrate
- vi. (Schmidt) looking to expand on this for all fine arts
- vii. (Morris) how can we survey students to see if this would be helpful?
- viii. (Palos) can we not use the one on the website already?
- ix. (Schmidt) we're discussing how we will moderate calendar so it's not so crowded
- x. (Stuart) how we define assessments will help clarify what goes on the calendar
- xi. (Kim) student towns halls reflect the idea that a calendar for tests and significant assignments, and events would be helpful
- xii. (Gribble) teacher perspective, adjusting schedule of tests/quizzes based upon where students are at is good pedagogy

- xiii. (Miller) freshman & sophomore leaving are worried about proportion of grade based on tests and stress of overall workload
 - xiv. (Nieves Pichardo) gives test dates, moderates test materials based on what's been learned, learning is continuous
 - xv. (Schmidt) how do we get this information from a wider group of people?
 - xvi. (Morris) I took this to a WL meeting and asked what they thought was best. WL classes are very mixed grade levels, it would be really hard to accommodate all grade level assessments in a mixed level class.
 - xvii. Discuss at faculty meeting
- b. Action Item: Grant Request \$10,000 towards approximate \$24,000 to send 7 FBLA members and advisor to the FBLA National Leadership Convention in Chicago.
- i. Motion- Ranjel
 - ii. Second- Morris
 - iii. (Schmidt) Before \$14,000 of approved grants from last meeting, and without setting aside \$17,000 for stipends, balance on budget is \$54,000, \$23,000 in excess of those items
 - iv. (Salyards) do we want to carry info over? Do we expect other large grant requests like this?
 - v. (Schmidt) because of the COVID year, we had less request for large sums like this. In years past, we've had less than \$15,000 moving from one year to the next. We try to not completely bottom out budget.
 - vi. (Salyard) should we offer more?
 - vii. (Schmidt) this was the dream amount. Herring also looking at CTE funding as well.
 - viii. (Guthrie) foundation can help up to \$250 as well

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			

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Action Item: Review of the one-year trial run of the UHS Electives department, decision whether to make the change permanent
 - i. Motion: Schuneman
 - ii. Second: Stuart
 - iii. Electives department voted unanimously to continue this way, as did IC
 - iv. (Morris) how many teachers?
 - v. (Schmidt) 7, and one additional (psychology teacher) moved from social studies to electives. Fine arts, PE, STEM/tech electives
 - vi. (Rosenberg) why wasn't there one previous? What's the benefit?
 - vii. (Schmidt) we historically haven't had enough for a separate department. Benefits: spend department time that are specific to issues shared amongst electives, recruiting students to electives, doesn't feel a waste of time/get to discuss their classes

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Kim	X			
Leroy				x
Mandolini	X			
Marchant				x
Morris	X			
Munjal				x
Nieves Pichardo	x			

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Palos	X			
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Ramos				x
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Root	X			
Rosenberg	X			
Salyards	X			
Schuneman	X			
Stuart	X			
Tellez	X			
Titus	X			
Turnbull	X			
Wilson	X			
Wroth	x			

Approved unanimously

VII. Remaining Reports

- a. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Guthrie

- i. Undesignated tax credit about \$20,000/year revenue and expenditures \$21,000
 - ii. \$55,000 year of grant funds this year
 - iii. Starting with \$57,000, add about \$15,000, will end in \$13,000 - \$18,000 range
 - iv.
 - b. Recruitment and Retention – Apaez-Gutierrez
 - i. Bringing back BLAST for 6th & 7th grade students this summer!
 - ii. Continuing with admissions, acceptances continue to be received
 - iii. (Stuart) what are update numbers of 9th grade acceptances?
 - iv. (AG) about 270
 - v. (Stuart) sophomores?
 - vi. (AG) Messing and her worked on perspective transfer info nights, about 30 applications. Need to look at GPAs and test.
 - vii. (Wilson) any data about retention of current students?
 - viii. (AG) running them now, can send with an email to update
 - c. Instructional Council (IC) - Schuneman
 - i. Gave approval to repaint downstairs mural
 - ii. Selected IC representatives for school council for next year: Mike Schmidt (enr) & Alicia Lara (WL)
 - d. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association (UHSFAA) – Tellez/Guthrie
 - i. In final weeks of Pilote Scholarship, it's due April 30
 - e. UHS Parents' Association – Rosenberg
 - i. April 14th 6pm, Zoom meeting
 - ii. Department Chair: Ms. Mitchell will visit
 - iii. Graduation night committee is major project right now!
 - iv. May 26th – graduation
 - v. (Schmidt) ask parents to nominate their representatives for site council
 - f. Student Council – Kim
 - i. Prom next Saturday May 23 at Arizona Sands Club
 - ii. Promposal winners to be announced and win tickets for free
 - iii. Elections will take place April 29
 - iv. Elected representatives for site council for next year
- VIII. There is no request for Agenda Items for next meeting, as this is the last meeting of the 2021-2022 School Council .
- IX. 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.
- X. Adjournment at 4:37 pm.
- i. Motion: Morris
 - ii. Second: Schuneman
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous consent

This is the last regular meeting of the 2021-2022 School Council

**The 2022-2023 School Council will be seated at their first meeting on May 10th,
2022**

Thank you for your service to University High School