

University High School Council

Minutes 2020-2021

Meeting Date: 4/13/2021

Meeting Location: Zoom

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

Agenda:

- I. Meeting called to order at: 3:30

- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - i. Motion by: I. Barrios
 - ii. Seconded by: L. Schuneman
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: None
 - iv. Motion Passes by Unanimous Consent

- III. Presentation from TUSD HR and Assistant Superintendent for the Arcadia Region about the principal hiring process and timeline
 - i. Presentation: C. McNeely
 - a. reminders about confidentiality of the process.
 - b. job description: all principal positions have same job description
 - c. process: identification of need, recruitment, screening, video submission, district leadership interviews, school council, school community forum, final interview with superintendent

- d. school council interview
 - i. panel composition: school council facilitator, regional assistant superintendent, TEA, ELI, AFSCME member, community member (10 total members)
 - ii. panel will draft 22 questions, 10 of which will be used
 - iii. will select 2 semifinalists to move forward
 - ii. Questions
 - a. do you already have our principal qualities list?
 - a. E. Rose will forward
 - b. can last year's questions be used again?
 - a. use the essence, but refresh them
 - c. source of community forum topics?
 - a. can be from the whole council
 - d. do we need to include a student on the interview committee?
 - a. it would be nice, but not necessary
 - e. if ELI rep is from Rincon, do we need another Rincon representative?
 - a. if we can get an ELI member from Rincon, we will not need an additional Rincon rep.
 - iii. (The TUSD supplied Powerpoint presentation has also been posted publicly with these minutes for additional clarification.)
- IV. Approval of the March 9th, 2021 Minutes
- i. Motion by: M. Reed
 - ii. Seconded by: B. Holtzman
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: none
 - iv. Motion Passes by Unanimous Consent
- V. Call to the Audience
- i. David Herring: has essentially been a department of one for the last six years. Excited about the possibility of an electives department.
- VI. Discussion & Action Items
- a. Action Item: Approval of Grant Request for sousaphone road cases from Mr. Marchant
 - i. Motion by: J. Bacalia
 - ii. Seconded by: I Barrios
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: large ask, but we have spent much less this year than typical
 - a. J. Marchant: the bigger the instrument, the more costly it is. This proposal has been in the works for many years. Still using sousaphones from 1981. Newer ones are taking damage due to poor cases. Ask is for 12 as that is the most we have ever marched.

- b. I. Barrios how much do we currently have. approximately \$54000
 - iv. Motion passes: 16 yes, ~~1 abstention~~ (The vote to abstain was from an audience member)

- b. Action Item: Approval of Motion to amend the UHS policy document to include the restructuring of departments on a one-year trial to replace the CTE department with a more broadly defined Electives Department
 - i. Motion by: J. Bacalia
 - ii. Seconded by: K. Vathauer
 - iii. Discussion/Debate: would house teachers of courses not eligible for science, math, social studies, or English credit. 1 year trial.
 - a. J. Marchant: Does this include fine arts? Fine arts teachers would have the option of joining on a case by case basis.
 - b. Instructional council is in support.
 - c. J. Bacalia: this is a need for appropriate representation.
 - iv. Motion passes: 15 yes and 1 no

- c. Action Item: Resolution of the Department Restructuring Motion i. Resolved, the University High School Council approves the amendment of the UHS Policy Document to reflect the language to enact a one-year trial of department restructuring to replace the Career and Technical Education department (CTE) with an Electives department.
 - i. Resolution passes unanimously

- d. Discussion Item: Request for updates from each stakeholder group about elections for the school council members for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - i. L. Schuneman: 2 pledges to serve for 6 at large seats so far
 - ii. J. Ollanik: working on interest form. candidates will need to interview.
 - iii. B. Holtzman: vote at next meeting
 - iv. no UHSFAA members present

- e. Discussion Item (if necessary): Emergency meeting procedure and information if another meeting of the 2020-2021 School Council is required before the new council is seated on May 11th .
 - i. Discussion/Debate: this council is still the sitting school council until the new council is seated in May.

VII. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal's Report J. Bacalia
 - i. AZScience testing has happened, AZM2 this week, ACT has been completed, PSAT for 9th and 10th next week
 - ii. hiring fantastic new teachers for next year
 - iii. prom and graduation (most likely at Kino sports park) outdoors and in-person. no grad night.
 - iv. virtual declaration night
 - v. AP testing is just around the corner. schedule will be forthcoming very soon
 - vi. sports in full swing
 - vii. J. Mandolini: how many new faculty? 7

- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report M. Schmidt
 - i. Beginning Balance of \$57, 824.57
 - ii. Stipends and benefits paid \$6, 426.12
 - iii. Ending balance of \$51,398.17
 - iv. Today's approve grant of \$11-13k would bring overall total to something around \$38,000

- c. Recruitment & Retention Committee Report K. Martinez
 - i. Currently 252 students have accepted admissions to UHS.
 - ii. There are some students in middle schools who have not yet been tested.
 - iii. Some students are still completing the TESERA
 - iv. Admissions office is processing some late applications.
 - v. In TUSD 7th grade students will be testing the first 3 weeks of May at their schools.
 - vi. Non-TUSD students will be invited to test on May 22, 2021 at UHS.
 - vii. Two online CogAT test prep sessions are scheduled for April 27th and 29th for those testing in May 2021.

- d. Instructional Council Report L. Schuneman
 - i. testing and schedule logistics
 - ii. school council representation
 - iii. electives department discussion
 - iv. department chair elections in some departments

- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association Report
 - i. no members present

- f. Parents Association Report S. Daniel
 - i. Mr. Schmidt attended last meeting to answer questions regarding school council and principal hiring.
 - ii. Grad night committee still working

- g. Student Council Report J. Ollanik
 - i. planning prom. Masquerade ball on the tennis courts. Potential discount for negative covid tests.
 - ii. working on recruiting school council reps for next year

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:

- i. Motion by: K. Vathauer
- ii. Seconded by: J. Kuan
- iii. Discussion/Debate: None
- iv. Passes by unanimous voice vote

Next Meeting: First meeting of the 2021-2022 UHS School Council; Tuesday, May 11th, 2021