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| University High School Council | **Minutes 2018-2019** |

Meeting Date: 4/9/2019 Meeting Location: RUHS Library

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Chair Mike Schmidt.
2. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Motion to approve.
      1. Ulrich ii. Bacalia
      2. Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
3. Approval of the March 12, 2019 Minutes
   1. Motion to approve.
      1. Barazza ii. Sinclair
   2. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
4. Call to Audience

No audience members were present.

1. Discussion and Action Items
   1. Action Item: Approval of Replacement BOOST teacher.
      1. Motion to approve Maryanne Green for Boost teacher
      2. Motion by Ulrich. Second by Standridge.
      3. Motion approved by unanimous consent.
2. Discussion Item: Recommendations to forward to the SY2019-2020 School Council on use of RBF (Results Based Funding) and AP Bonus monies.
   * 1. Since we don’t have the amount of money available, this will not be voted on today.
     2. We have not received the monies for this year, and it will not be available to teachers of AP English, AP Math or AP Science courses. This will change next year, with a $150 bonus per student per course, with $200 per student if the student is a recipient of free- or reduced-price lunch.
     3. Next year there will be a bare-minimum payout for every teacher. All AP bonuses equaled $4200 to $4800 per teacher. The law is not written so that each teacher gets the same monies, but that is not available now. Fairness, unexpected class size and other possible unforeseen changes may affect the monies. School Council will hold onto the $15,000 planned for stipends to be available for bonuses.
     4. Ms. Cislak has various recommendations for the fair handling of the differing monies teachers receive.
     5. In order to give AP bonuses related to Free & Reduced-Price Lunch rates, the whole district statistics must be considered. Mr. Bacalia will look this up.
     6. There was some money last year that was not used, but it can roll over from one year to the next.
     7. Principal Cislak pointed out that UHS does not require students to take AP tests. However, the school wants to reward teachers because they get bonuses for tests our students are already taking.
     8. There was more discussion of the merits of Advanced Placement courses and tests. Principal Cislak said that sometimes we lose sight of what the opportunity really is with the AP program, which is the offering of rigorous, academically-sound courses. If the school were ever to decide not to use the Advance Placement program, then it would need to find another rigorous curriculum.
3. Discussion Item: Any further recommendations to forward to incoming UHS School Council.
   * 1. The UHS policy document needs a lot of attention. Some policies, such as how to select teachers for the School Council, need to be re-written.
     2. Constituent communication needs to be increased. School Council Chair Schmidt said that he will have stakeholder email addresses ready for the incoming School Council to use, and he will migrate the School Council website from Weebly to the TUSD server, which will allow for more powerful website operations, such as airing content.
     3. Voting order matters. Having the administration vote first may be influencing outcomes. One member suggested that students vote first, followed by parents. Chair Schmidt agreed to call for voting in a different order than members are listed on the minutes template.
     4. An important question for the incoming council: Are Council members delegates or representatives? In other words, are they to vote according to what constituents want (delegates) or according to their own conscience (representatives)?
     5. The Chair and experienced members should introduce subcommittees and discuss what kind of work they perform early in the new Council year.
4. Discussion Item: Update from each stakeholder group on the status of elections or selection process for the School Council Representatives.
   * 1. UHSPA – will vote on April 11, 2019
     2. Community members – Mr. Schmidt will check on their process.
     3. Teachers – will determine soon.
     4. Student Council – will determine soon.
     5. Other
5. Discussion Item: Announcement of the TUSD Board Policies that are up for public discussion.
   * 1. Chair Schmidt announced the availability of the policies on the TUSD website for public comment.
6. Committee & Misc. Reports
   1. Principal’s Report – Cislak
      1. UHS is under the district’s desegregation order but is working to reach unitary status by December 2019.
      2. Some high schools in TUSD will be moving to a 7-period schedule next year. Principal Cislak does not recommend that UHS pursue this change, since there are no available long-term monies to fund a 7-period day.
      3. Per TUSD policy, no new purchases can be made from April 15th-July1st, so the school is working to make purchases now for anything needed before the summer.
      4. Student accomplishments: The Econ Challenge team won at state and also won the region at Stanford and are now taking a test to see if they can go to Nationals. UHS’s Science Olympiad team won the state title and is heading to Cornell to compete. Congratulations to Colorguard Purple for its recent showing in state. Spring sports are in full swing and going great! The Boys Volleyball Team is #1 seed in the state.
      5. Save the date for Arts Under the Stars on May 18, 2019.
      6. The administration is finetuning the master schedule, which will go live in the system by May 1, 2019.
      7. On Thursday, April 11, Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, TUSD Superintendent, is visiting UHS.
   2. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Youngerman
      1. Another $2300 was received in March; have a net of $25,357 with $300 of that committed to JSA.
      2. This year we only gave out $9,000 in grants, $6,000 of which went to Band.
      3. The consensus was that groups needing funds either know about School Council or ask Ms. Cislak for referrals (and she mentions the Council).
   3. Recruitment and Retention – Evans
      1. UHS hosted two CogAt test prep events for 200+ students in- and out-of-district.
      2. BLAST recruitment is ongoing for 6th and 7th graders.
      3. Looking for BLAST student leaders for the 2-week period of June 3-14. The daily hours will be 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for leaders
   4. Instructional Council (IC) – Schuneman
      1. Beginning of the testing season. Recently UHS administered ACT for juniors and the ASVAB test for seniors.
      2. IC held discussions about RBF funding.
      3. The IC also discussed placement tests and class size, and how math placement results have a domino effect on the master schedule. The first placement testing this year will be on April 27.
      4. The Class of 2020 started with taking Environmental Science as freshmen. This class needs to be mention in freshman orientation with some explanation of how it compares to high school biology.
   5. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association (UHSFAA) – Cislak
      1. On April 23, the group will have a mixer at the Trident II on Swan Road.
   6. UHS Parents’ Association – Lee
      1. Approved stress ball purchase for BOOST.
      2. Voted to donate $27,645 for CCCC personnel salaries.
      3. Held Q&A with the UHS Principal.
      4. Tried out the Grad Night escape room—it was fun!
   7. Student Council (StuCo) Report – Barraza
      1. The Student Council is focused on prom, which will be held on April 27. The theme is A Starry Night.
7. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items to President Schmidt through email.)
8. Reminders:
   1. 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.
   2. 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.
9. Thank you
10. Adjournment at 4:29 p.m.
    1. Motion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second: Bacalia
    2. Unanimous consent.