

University High School Council

Minutes 2019-2020

Meeting Date: 1/14/2020

Meeting Location: RUHS Library

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Joel Bacalia	Beth Braun	Brian Belakovsky	Barney Holtzman
	Amy Cislak	Kimberly King	Hannah Dyer	Alicia Mackenzie
		Jeff Marchant	Andy Pendleton	Paisley McGuire
		Ann Mitchell	Daniella Quihuis-Granillo	James Mandolini
		Mike Schmidt		Lea Standridge
		Leiba Schuneman		Kara Vathauer
	Community Members	Hannah Sinclair		
	Kris Tully	Matt Ulrich		
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Kevin Gebert		Julian Barraza	Chris Read
	Administration		Iselle Barrios	Tim Sonier
	Andrea Evans		Rachel Dai	
			Reia Li	

- I. Welcome new members:
 - a. James Mandolini
 - b. Alicia Mackenzie
 - c. Paisley McGuire
- II. Parliamentary Elections
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Nomination: Schuneman self nominated
 - ii. Second: Standridge
 - iii. Vote: unanimous voice vote
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Discussion of handling treasurer duties as whole council in lieu of electing a new treasurer. Pendleton and Belakovsky supportive of idea to keep position vacant for remainder of the school year. Grant proposals will be submitted directly to the chair.
 - ii. Nomination: none
 - iii. Council agrees to table selection until seating of the 2020-2021 council.

- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Vathauer
 - ii. Sinclair
 - b. Next meeting date changed to February 11th.
 - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of the November 12th, 2019 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Standridge
 - ii. Sinclair
 - b. No items for discussion.
 - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Call to the Audience
 - a. No audience members present.
- VI. Discussion & Action Items
 - a. Discussion Item: State of Undesignated tax credit budget
 - i. Technical programs are preventing finance officer from viewing UHS budget data. Problem has been reported to TUSD tech services and has not yet been resolved.
 - ii. Last budget as of 10/4 \$35442.92 before incumbrances. Best guess as of now, \$26,000-\$27,000. Worst case scenario, \$19k-\$20k. (does not include end of year tax credits)
 - iii. Upcoming approximate \$14k to spend on stipends in April.
 - iv. Marchant, reports that Rincon side is having similar issues with accessing accounts.
 - v. Cislak reports she can not view school budget. District finance has not been helpful. Cislak suggests we write a letter as a school council to the governing board and auditor general.
 - vi. Band booster club is wondering if they need to sue to find money.
 - vii. Holtzman, encourages council to throw as much support behind Cislak's money autonomy and knowledge as possible. Offer to help draft letters.
 - viii. Mackenzie question about clout of parents outside the district compared to those who live within district boundaries. No difference when it comes to state tax credits.
 - ix. Vathauer should we picket with the band?
 - x. Standridge asks for clarification of technical issues. Is visibility issue unique to us? We don't really know.
 - xi. Sinclair: impact on other clubs? Unknown. Varies from club to club.
 - xii. Braun has taken to bypassing site finance office and goes directly to district finance for dance expenditures.
 - xiii. Next possible steps: picketing at 1010, draft letter as a school council to governing board and auditor general, involve parents and alum in seeking information from the district. Widespread support for letter drafting.

Some discussion regarding timeline. Do we need an emergency meeting to approve letter? Can we assure a quorum for an emergency meeting?

- xiv. Schmidt will draft letter with help of admin. Potential emergency meeting next week.
- b. Action Item: Grant Request – Marchant Cymbals
 - i. Move to hear grant proposal: first Bacalia, second Sinclair
 - ii. Marchant reports very old and damaged cymbals. Two main cymbal companies currently competing with prices, hence a good time to purchase. Requests \$3,418.95.
 - iii. Motion to approve request.
 - 1. Standridge
 - 2. Mackenzie
 - 3. Roll call vote:
yes:19 no:1

VII. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal's Report – Cislak
 - i. Challenge success consultant here today. Met with teachers this morning. Meeting with parents tonight. Disconnect over value of perceived homework usefulness between students and teachers. Data from surveys has been shared with stakeholder groups.
 - ii. Starting to plan for next year. Current projected enrollment numbers down by 250. Admin is working on getting those numbers revised.
 - iii. Next hall of fame celebration coming up on April 4th.
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report
 - i. See discussion and action items
- c. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report– Bacalia
 - i. Last Friday, 219 TUSD students informed of invitation to attend UHS next year. Number up from last year. Does not include out of district students (should be notified this week).
 - ii. Feb 25th, welcome freshmen gala.
- d. Instructional Council Report – Schuneman
 - i. Challenge Success data.
 - ii. Faculty beginning Leo Croteau award recipient discussion.
 - iii. Senior government debate logistics.
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association – Tully
 - i. Big meeting coming up to discuss funding and broadening summer program offerings.
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Standridge
 - i. New school council reps elected.
 - ii. Mrs. Minor presentation.
- g. Student Council Report – Quhuis-Granillo
 - i. Working on inaugural ball.
 - ii. Working on securing prom location.

- VIII. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- 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
- a. Motion to adjourn.
 - i. Motion by Belakovsky
 - ii. Second by Bacalia
 - b. Passes by Unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the RUHS Library.