**University High School**

**School Council Meeting Agenda**

**Oct. 18th, 2016; 3:30 p.m.**

**UHS Library**

1. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Schuneman, Greenhill second
   2. Unanimous approval
2. Approval of the Sept. 13th, 2016 Minutes
   1. Tabled until the end of the agenda
   2. Standridge, Bacalia seconded
   3. Ayes have it
3. Call to the Audience:
   1. none
4. School Council Attendance:

* **Parents:**
* Barbara Hughes
* Mary Palacio-Hum
* Valerie Greenhill
* Karen Peters
* David Pietz
* George Youngerman
* Kirsten Randolph Zamora
* Lea Standridge
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon
* Mara Harwin
* Zoe Holtman
* Madison Manly-Niebel
* Noel Muluneh
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez
* Claire Van Straalen
* Amanda Wang
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring
* Paul Karlowicz
* Jeff Marchant
* Leiba Schuneman
* Hannah Traquair
* Tom Tobin
* Meg Tully
* Bob Yeller
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia
* **Classified Staff:**
* ~~Shelly Dominquez~~
* **Community:**
* ~~Mae Smith~~
* Kevin Gebert

1. Discussion & Action Items
   1. Action Item: Approval of Extra Duty Stipend
      1. GAPP (German Exchange Program) ($3500, Tax Credit)
         1. Karlowicz, Peters second
         2. Bacalia: stipend for the teacher for the extra hours
         3. Vote: motion passes unanimously

* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes
* Mary Palacio-Hum
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman -
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - aye
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz - aye
* Leiba Schuneman - aye
* Hannah Traquair - aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  1. Action Item: Approval of Funding Requests (per Finance Committee)
     1. Mindfulness Program Grant ($2800, Tax Credit)
        1. Greenhill, Stanridge second
        2. Bacalia - funding both semesters, but the input from students and faculty
        3. Vote: motion passes unanimously
* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes -aye
* Mary Palacio-Hum - aye
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman - aye
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - aye
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz – aye
* Jeff Marchant - aye
* Leiba Schuneman - aye
* Hannah Traquair - aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  + 1. Ecology Club Grant ($2000, Tax Credit)
       1. Van straalen, peters second
       2. Van Straalen – proposal one of two trips to Mt. Lemmon with the UA Sky School to help offset the cost for some people, trip is open to all
       3. Bacalia: looking to see is TUSD will help funding in the future
       4. Cislak: looking for a funding for this trip for all freshmen in the future
       5. Marchant Fundraising on their own? Cost per person?
          1. Van Straalen: Chipotle Night, Movie Night. About $300 per person
       6. Vote: motion passes unanimously
* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes -aye
* Mary Palacio-Hum - aye
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman - aye
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - aye
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz – aye
* Jeff Marchant - aye
* Leiba Schuneman – aye
* Tom Tobin - Aye
* Hannah Traquair – aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  + 1. School Musical/Choir Grant ($1577, Tax Credit)
       1. Standridge, Peters second
       2. Youngerman: splitting the cost of this with Rincon. The $1577 is about half of what they need
       3. Vote: motion passes unanimously
* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes -aye
* Mary Palacio-Hum - aye
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman - aye
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - aye
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz – aye
* Jeff Marchant
* Leiba Schuneman - aye
* Hannah Traquair – aye
* Tom Tobin - Aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  1. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to UHS Honors Diploma
     1. Karowicz, Yell Second
     2. Karlowicz: Revisions to the policy we brought to the council in the screen. Make a change to 3c: “With the exception OF health and PE”; clean up of existing language, New policy would start with class of 2019
     3. Gebert: How many kids achieve this each year?
        1. Karlowicz: A LOT of them. (75% of students) Trying to make the new policy more challenging
        2. Cislak: 75%-80%
        3. Gebert: Can we go back and see how many students would meet the new need?
           1. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Raising the weighted GPA from 3.85 to 4.00. Move: Can we Discuss?

Yell seconded

* + - * 1. Greenhill: Why didn’t the committee amend it?
        2. Karlowicz: The issue wasn’t discussed. The GPA was kept because that was that
        3. Shunenman: the goal was to change the language to make it more align the language
        4. Yell moved to postponing the amendment to GPA till next meeting, Shunenman seconded

Youngerman: can we research? Figure out how many kids would meet this?

* + 1. Tully: Any more discussion in general?
       1. Schunenman: move to postponing the entire the discussion?
          1. Van Straalen Second
          2. Voice vote: Nay’s have it
       2. Yell: We need to talk about the problems we need researched
       3. Gebert: Varying requirements between departments?
          1. Schuneman: For math and modern languages, we don’t know if they passed the AP until after graduation so we didn’t feel it was fair require it
       4. Gebert: 5th point – why not say your have no F?
          1. Shuneman: just saying if you get an F after you get assigned the honors diploma, we can take it away
          2. Standridge: a lot of words to say: “No F’s”
    2. Gebert: Advanced band or symphonic band?
       1. Marchant: friendly amendment change Advanced Band to Wind Ensemble
          1. Second Gebert
       2. Vote: motion passes unanimously to Pass Advanced Band to Wind Ensemble
* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes -aye
* Mary Palacio-Hum -aye
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman - aye
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - aye
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz – aye
* Jeff Marchant - aye
* Leiba Schuneman - aye
* Hannah Traquair – aye
* Tom Tobin - Aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  + 1. Karlowicz: Voting on policy as it stands? We are bringing back the amendment to change GPA requirements from 3.85 to 4.0
       1. Vote: motion to approve the honors policy as it stands with the friendly amendment to change Advanced Band to Wind Ensemble a passes unanimously
* **Parents:**
* Valerie Greenhill - aye
* Barbara Hughes -aye
* Mary Palacio-Hum
* Karen Peters - aye
* Lea Standridge – aye
* George Youngerman – abstain
* **Students:**
* Enrique Castillon - abstain
* Mara Harwin - Aye
* Zoe Holtzman - Aye
* Noel Muluneh - Aye
* Carolina Olivia-Martinez - aye
* Claire Van Straalen - aye
* Amanda Wang - aye
* **Faculty:**
* David Herring - aye
* Paul Karlowicz – aye
* Jeff Marchant
* Leiba Schuneman - aye
* Hannah Traquair – aye
* Tom Tobin - Aye
* Meg Tully- aye
* Bob Yell - aye
* **Administration:**
* Amy Cislak
* Joel Bacalia - aye
* **Community:**
* Kevin Gebert -aye
  1. Discussion Item: Parchment Transcript Service
     1. Bacalia: Parchment.com electronic service for transcripts, has a fee unless you have a “need”; otherwise it is $3.50; benefit that you get a receipt when the university gets the transcript;
     2. Cislak: paid but the university never got it and no refund; so use at your own risk
     3. Karlowicz: send to IC and bring it back as an action item?
     4. Shuneman/Yell: IC kicked it here because we wanted to hear from students and parents
     5. Wang: Seniors would use this and pay
     6. Standridge/Peters: We would pay
     7. Greenhill: Transcripts would be sent electronically? And save time?
        1. Tully: and it is the way of the future
     8. Hughes: Can we keep both methods?
        1. Balacia: we are going to keep both methods open forever

1. Committee & Misc. Reports
   1. Principal’s Report & State of the School Report
      1. PSAT/SAT – 10/19/2016
      2. Blue Ribbon School – one of 4 in AZ, nominated by the gov
      3. Please come at to TUSD board meeting tonight
      4. Accreditation for advanced ed – looking for members of the council
      5. Kim Grimes: Boost Report
         1. Academic rigor
         2. Choose teachers to help prep the freshmen and even took a professional development day
         3. Goal to help students transition to school; they were ready with the UHS academic rigor
         4. 57 student leaders - worked so hard, were very useful
         5. Used technology between the groups
         6. Every day kids had APHG, APES, and honor English, then one week of engineering, art, UHS history, PE
         7. Extended break to 25 minutes
         8. Last day party with pizza and live band
         9. Need the support of Student Council and Parents Association
         10. All the freshmen who dropped out did not go to boost
         11. School Council needs to seek applicants and interview them
         12. Need to write grants and support
         13. Discussion:
             1. Standridge: Academic focus didn’t work for everyone?
             2. Youngerman: Can we help fund a position?
   2. Tax Credit & Budget Report
      1. Just spent $6400 on the grants we approved
      2. total: about $30,000
      3. Need funding requests need to come in by the third week of the month
   3. Recruitment & Retention Committee Report
      1. Bacalia:
         1. October 27 – African American Scholars Dinner
            1. GCU is sponsoring it
         2. April 1 – 41 UHS birthday celebration
            1. Battle of the bands
            2. Hall of fame inductees
      2. Cislak: Step Up day
         1. We invited every single 8th grader who passed the test to come on campus with games/dancing/tours
         2. 450 students
         3. Parents Association bought lunch for everyone
         4. all the fine arts performed
   4. Instructional Council Report
      1. Yell:
         1. Discussed Parchment.com and honors diploma
      2. Cislak
         1. How can we get more money and make UHS cutting edge
         2. College partnership. Looking for duel enrollment courses, evening courses, employee pricing for staff members to get higher degrees, preferential scholarship and AP credit for students (4’s/5’s/maybe 3’s), college campus clubs sponsor our clubs, host and run professional development, sponsor AP institute,
         3. We’ve met with one school who has said yes to that, want to give other schools and opportunity as well. No precedent for this in Tucson.
            1. Looking at Hunter College in NY as a model
   5. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association Report
      1. Gebert:
         1. Happy hour on Thursday, started annual campaign for $35,000
   6. Parents Association Report
      1. Youngerman:
         1. Full house, over 100 people
         2. Megan Brown did a presentation about preparing for college
   7. Student Council Report
      1. Wang:
         1. Homecoming was good
         2. Movie night for the future?
         3. Focusing on Inaugural
2. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format
   1. Adjourn at 4:57; Cislak, Tobin seconded
3. 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.
4. Adjournment

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2016**

***\*Please consider joining us at the TUSD Governing Board Meeting at 5:30 on Tuesday, Oct. 18th to see UHS get recognized for being awarded a Blue Ribbon School for the second time! The TUSD Board Meeting takes place at Duffy Elementary and will begin at 5:15 p.m.***