

Minutes

University High School Council

Date: March 14 2023

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Library West Wing / Zoom

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	J. Apaez-Gutierrez	J. Ollanik	S. Titus	J. Liu
	A. Evans	R. Schmidt	A. Ramos	J. Salyards
	B. Ranjel	T. Gribble	S. Kim	J. Pendolino
		A. Lara		L. Kirk
	Staff			S. Rosenberg
				C. Turnbull
	Community Members			
	D. Tellez			
Members absent	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
			J. Brambila	
		J. Marchant		M. Root
		R. Hoyt	J. Matheson	
	Staff	K. Nieves Pichardo		
	M. Palos		E. LeRoy	
	Community Members		E. Kuan	
	D. Guthrie	K. Messing	M. Haun	H. Huang

Minutes:

- I. Call meeting to order
 - a. Ollanik calls meeting to order at 3:39pm
- II. Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion: Schmidt
 - b. Second: Ranjel
 - c. Motion passes by Unanimous Consent

III. Approve minutes of the last meeting (Dec. 13 2022)

- a. Motion: Schmidt
- b. Second: Apaez-Gutierrez
- c. Motion passes by Unanimous Consent

IV. Call to the audience

- a. No audience members present

V. Reports

- a. Principal's Report: Ranjel
 - i. Still recruiting new students
 - ii. Huge thanks to Ms. Messing for organizing incoming freshman night
 - iii. Looking for ideas for community outreach for Challenge Success
 - iv. New idea: State of the School Address
 - v. New Student Welcome tomorrow (3/15) from 5-7pm
 - vi. Coffee with Principals continue
 - vii. Next week is spring break and sprint to the finish from there
- b. Policy Review Committee: Schmidt
 - i. Nothing new to report
- c. Tax Credit & Budget Committee: No report, Guthrie not present
- d. Recruitment and Retention: Apaez-Gutierrez
 - i. Ditto to much of what Mr. Ranjel reported
 - ii. March 27th Spring acceptance window begins
 - iii. Cogat testing and info nights continue
 - iv. 219 confirmed acceptances / 50 maybes
 - v. 346 acceptance letters have already gone out, much higher than this time last year
- e. Instructional Council/Challenge Success: Schmidt
 - i. IC has met multiple times since last SC meeting, too much to list everything
 - ii. Continue to get updates about school technology (cameras, Promethean boards, etc)
 - iii. Continue work of 23-24 master schedule
 - iv. FTE and hiring is a work in progress
- f. UHS Foundation and Alumni Association: Tellez
 - i. April 19th UHS Mixer
 - ii. Grant for CCCC beautification
 - iii. VR tech for AP Art History
- g. Parent Association: Rosenberg
 - i. UHSPA meeting tonight 6-7pm
 - ii. Grad night tickets still available \$85 -> \$100 after April 1st

- iii. Need Volunteers for Grad Night
- h. Student Council: Ollanik
 - i. Planning for spring spirit week
 - ii. Town Hall: right before ACT testing
 - iii. Planning for Prom; April 29th at Arizona Sands

VI. Discussion/information items

- a. Building Community: How to create closer ties between UHS stakeholders
 - i. Ollanik: How do we do this? What does it mean to be “part of the UHS community?”
 - ii. Rosenberg: Increase in-person meetings reducing Zoom options, get more face to face time
 - iii. Kirk: 2nd Rosenberg’s ideas. Before COVID there were mor frequent announcements to parents. Movement to online communication has lessened engagement
 - iv. Ollanik: UHS owned/operated business lists
 - 1. How to compile?
 - 2. How to use as preferred vendors for school purchases
 - 3. Rosenberg: This would be especially useful for Grad Night planning
 - v. Titus: Junior level came into UHS community during online freshman year. Juniors didn’t have the usual freshman experience and continue to challenge the way UHS does things. Move towards Challenge Success to help make the changes they wish to see in the school
 - 1. Schmidt: Challenge Success has a student club for those students looking to make those types of changes
 - vi. Kirk: Could the list of businesses tie into internships
 - vii. Tellez: Or Alumni mentorships
 - viii. Kirk: How to get the word out about UHSFAA events
 - 1. Possible move to on campus alumni events?
 - ix. Pendolino: Club fair but for parents
 - 1. Chance for parents to learn about different outreach opportunities
 - x. Gribble: Asking students what is bothering them
 - 1. Students reply that they haven’t been asked before
 - 2. Don’t feel that there is a strong communication method for their complaints
 - 3. Need a way for students to voice concerns
 - xi. Ideas entered into Zoom Chat:
 - 1. Overnight class retreats
 - 2. Parent mixers
 - 3. Class fundraisers
 - 4. Class sponsors

- b. Family Engagement: How to expand parent/family involvement
 - i. Ollanik: Could we do something similar to Arts Under the Stars but for clubs to show what they are doing, could this tie into Pendolino's idea for "Club Fair for Parents"
 - ii. Kirk: Cohort groups for parents by student grade level?

- c. Campus Improvement: Senior projects, cleanliness, construction/development
 - i. Ollanik: what about the idea of "Senior Projects"
 - 1. Ranjel: Idea must predate the late 1990's
 - ii. Could we require/recommend a certain amount of community service hours
 - 1. Ranjel: Could also involve Rotary or other Service Organizations
 - iii. Kim: Students have campus ideas, mini-projects could be great
 - iv. Gribble: Facilities themselves leave much to be desired
 - 1. Bathroom situation on campus is really bad
 - 2. 1:55 ratio of toilets to students is horrible
 - 3. AZ Dept of Ed does not appear to have a standard, but this is out of compliance with other states requirements
 - 4. No proposed solution here, but it is a serious problem at school

- d. Fiscal Security: Health of the Site Council budget; encouraging donations
 - i. Ollanik: How do we raise donations to undesignated tax credit fund?
 - ii. Schmidt: The problem is not that donations are necessarily going down, it is that most of the donations coming in now are designated towards a specific student (i.e. travel club accounts) or specific programs (like a specific club)
 - iii. Schmidt: Better question might be: How to increase the pool of donators?
 - iv. Rosenberg: Neighborhood walks: get information to a wider swath of donators
 - v. Ollanik: Perhaps an 80/20 campaign: 80% or donation to specific club, 20% to undesignated?

VII. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting

VIII. Reminders

- a. Please hold your stakeholder groups' selection of Council representation in March or April, first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year will be in May

IX. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Schmidt
- b. Second: Apaez-Gutierrez

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 11th, 2023