UHS Site Council Meeting Minutes
March 8th, 2016 3:30 p.m.
RUHS Library

Members Present:
Parents: V. Greenhill, T. Adkins, K. Randolph-Zamora, D. Pietz, E. Hull, G. Youngerman, M. Palacio-Hum
Students: C. Hoffer, Z. Holtzman, M. Zarin
Faculty: P. Karlowicz, B. Yell, D. Peterson, M. Tully, D. Herring, J. Marchant, T. Tobin
Administration: A. Cislak, J. Bacalia
Community: M. Smith
Classified: L. Blackmon
Members Absent:

Call to Order 3:30

I. Approval of the Agenda
   a. M. Zarin – Motion to approve
   b. Hull – Second
   c. Approval passes
II. Approval of Feb. 9th Minutes
   a. Smith – Motion to approve
   b. Peterson – Second
   c. Approval passes
III. Call to the Audience
   a. None
IV. Action Item #1 – Request for JSA Debate Trip Funding April 15th – 17th
   a. Youngerman – Received request two weeks ago, falls within TUSD guidelines, meets our goals of funding student related activities. Finance committee recommends $1000 contribution, based on funding from other sources.
   b. Enrique Castillon – 9 UHS students participating, $95 each/$50 meals = $1305, but only asking for $1000
      i. Met with Kiwanis – would like to partner with JSA, possible financial support?
      ii. Rincon has provided $850 from their site council to support their 4 members, and other expenses
      iii. Goal of raising $3000 – we want all members to be able to attend
      iv. This is a new experience for this group, allows them to discuss important political topics that are not always available to discuss in classroom
   c. Cislak – Clarification that we are just funding the request for the April trip. Not the summer event that was mentioned.
   d. Youngerman – We need a clear amount requested for funding. Is the Rincon site council contribution towards the April event?
   e. Enrique Castillon – Yes
   f. Motion to approve up to $1000 for the JSA Debate Trip Funding
      i. M. Smith
      ii. D. Herring – Second
   g. Zarin – Does this mean that we may fund less than $1000

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h. Castillon – Kiwanis will help promote, but not necessarily fund, although that is a possibility. We will save money by sharing the bus with Nogales High School.
    i. Role Call Approval
        1. Adkins - Yes
        2. Hull - Yes
        3. Palacio-Hum - Yes
        4. Greenhill - Yes
        5. Pietz - Yes
        6. Youngerman - Yes
        7. Randolph-Zamora - Yes
        8. Hoffer - Yes
        9. Holtzman - Yes
        10. Zarin - Yes
        11. Herring - Yes
        12. Karlowicz - Yes
        13. Peterson - Yes
        14. Tobin - Yes
        15. Tully - Yes
        16. Yell - Yes
        17. Cislak - Yes
        18. Bacalia - Yes
        19. Smith – Yes
        20. Blackmon - Yes
i. Motion passes unanimously

V. Action Item #2 – Revision of Policy III L.7 & III H. – Tax Credit and Budget Committee
a. Motion to accept changes to above policy as outlined in the minutes received electronically
b. Randolph-Zamora – In the fall we approved the new procedures for accepting applications for tax credit money, we then need to align that policy so it was reflected in our policy. We looked closely at III L.7 and III H, which now reflect the process we previously approved so that there is continuity between the process and the policy.
c. Yell – To clarify, we are amending III H & III L, but also in the documentation from budget committee was IV Q and VII J which was not on the docket for the motion
d. Karlowicz – We need to defer the additional changes of IV Q and VII J until next month.
e. Hull – Under 3 H2 typo for “weeks” – no apostrophe. Question on nomenclature – site council or school council?
f. Smith – Current name is officially school council, used to be called site council
g. Yell – Any other discussion about changes to this document under those sections. Hearing none, call for vote
    i. Approve changes to 3 L7 and 3 LH
        1. Adkins - Yes
        2. Hull - Yes
        3. Palacio-Hum - Yes
        4. Greenhill - Yes
        5. Pietz - Yes
        6. Youngerman - Yes
        7. Randolph-Zamora - Yes
        8. Hoffer - Yes

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9. Holtzman - Yes
10. Zarin - Yes
11. Herring - Yes
12. Karlowicz - Yes
13. Peterson - Yes
14. Tobin - Yes
15. Tully - Yes
16. Yell - Yes
17. Cislak - Yes
18. Bacalia - Yes
19. Smith – Yes
20. Blackmon - Yes

ii. Motion passes unanimously

h. Youngerman – One of our goals for the committee is to have in future minutes reports from each organization that has received grant money to explain or demonstrate use. Money spent will then be documented in the meeting minutes.

VI. Action Item #3 Motion to Approve Hall of Fame Inductees

a. Karlowicz – Motion to approve
b. Herring – Second
c. Karlowicz – Would like this to become an annual event where we approve inductees in the Hall of Fame. These are the original 10 founders who created UHS 40 years ago. Hope that we will approve this induction to the hall of fame.
d. Yell – Discussion? Hearing none, voice vote with Aye or Nay
    i. Motion carries

VII. Action Item #4 – Approval of BOOST teachers

a. Hull – Motion to approve
b. Zarin – Second
c. Peterson – Why isn't there a world languages teacher?
d. Cislak – BOOST is now focused on academic skills, and since it is only 2 weeks we do not have the time to include this in the curriculum. In the past it was used as a recruiting tool.
e. Yell – Discussion? No, aye or nay.
    i. Karlowicz – Absention
    ii. Approved with one abstenstion

VIII. Anouncement of School Constituent Elections

a. Each constituent group needs to hold elections to nominate their representatives
b. Will need reappointment of individuals for the Student Placement Review Committee
c. Karlowicz – Request to appoint IC candidates tomorrow, so then we can also move forward with faculty-wide elections

IX. Review of Extra-duty Stipends

a. Delayed until stipends have been allocated

X. Principal's & IC Report

a. Final payments for AP Exam is March 14th – we are 200 exams over what we had last year. Also a new donor has come forward that will contribute towards AP payments, which will limit the amount school council has to pay.
b. Next week is sequential – ACT is March 15th.
c. Week after Spring Break is AZ Merit – Challenge b/c the state recommends it is taken over 6 days, instead we are requesting to complete it over 2 days.

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d. All 3 color guard groups placed this past weekend
e. UHS Jazz I & Jazz 2 received "Distinction" at today's festival
f. Lots of fine arts events coming up!
g. Interview Season – Completed interviews for English, 50 applicants for 3 positions, we are moving forward with candidates with experience in AP. Will have AP Enviro interviews tomorrow, Social studies will be next week. Did hire PE teacher Cody House who will also serve as Varsity Football Coach (first time ever!)
h. 40th Anniversary Celebration on April 2nd – Lots of events, attractions, alumni, Hall of Fame.
i. New band uniforms, also new tuxedos and items for Chorus and Orchestra coming soon.
j. Campus Clean Up on April 9th
k. Prom is on April 16th on Westward Look
l. Congrats to Maggie Zheng - Flinn Scholar
m. Tonight is graduation meeting at 6 pm in auditorium
n. Working with finance committee to make good recommendations, will create a needs assessment that will survey all constituent groups to see what they see as priorities for funding. Will be done every school year to keep priorities up to date on funding. Items change from year to year. Once needs assessment is complete the FC will report the findings to school council. Also allows opportunity for grant writing for specific activities. Will be bringing a formal proposal to the April meeting with implementation and dates, will become part of the normal process for school council.
o. Cislak attended Jack Kent Cook conference in Washington DC – "Closing the Gap". How to support low-income and underrepresented student. Only high achieving high schools (nationally ranked, public) invited to attend. Exciting to be with people who share the same concerns and have the same student population.
    i. Characteritics shared – Freshemn/Soph houses or academies, used as retention and support, middle school, college pipeline program, strong wellness philosophies (how do we support students in a high rigor school?), blackout days for homework, limited major exams on one day, how to have meaningful homework conversations about time spent, mixed opinons on final exams, some had wellness centers on campus, workshops on how to handle perfectionism, workshops on how to manage time, coping strategies to handle stress, training for parents – what are the red flags?, training for teachers on similar topics, informal dinner mixer with counseling and reps from our middle school feeders to discuss incoming students (UHS will implement this year) – will give this info to Freshmen teachers.
p. Still working on master schedule – will receive all FTE funding that we should, some classes that have been in hibernation will come back such as Research Methods, more AP Art History classes, Mr. Herring has exploded computer science program to 5 sections.
q. Youngerman – As a parent of a sophomore, how plausible are the blackout dates, creating houses, limiting exams on one day – could these be implemented next year?
r. Cislak – IC is very supportive of no work over breaks, this will allow teachers to have a break as well, we need to tailor it to the needs of our school, will take careful planning with teachers.

XI. Tax Credit and Budget Report - Youngerman
a. $41,628.44 in bank account

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b. We have given out $30,027.97 in grant money
c. Goal is to make this as visible as possible
d. No pending grant requests

XII. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report - Cislak

a. Cislak – Strategies from the conference would be great resources for R & R. Hosted dinner for TUSD African American families with 7th graders, but only 6 RSVPS – Carmen Hernandez will be meeting with these individual familes to make sure they get the info they need. Looking to expand retention of Latino and AA students. Emily YOungerman offered the idea of "UHS Meet Yourself" to improve recruitment and retention to highlight the various cultures at UHS. Something we are looking in to.
b. Palacio-Humm – Why was the breakfast only for Latinos? Was it b/c of deseg money?
c. Cislak – We want to extend opportunities to all families regardless of race.
d. Palacio-Humm – Students didn't enjoy it
e. Cislak – We want to recreate the spirit of the event, but not make it so exclusive and more inclusive. Unfortunately we are not receiving a lot of desegration funding currently. Therefore we are responsible for more of our own funding. Will meet with Dr. Sanchez on the 30th to discuss the ideas received from the conference. We have the opportunity to demonstrate that we are good stewards of deseg funds.

XIII. UHSFAA Report - Smith

a. Smith – No new news b/c the group has not met sincethe last school council meeting. Lots of work to support the April 2nd event, this is our priority.

XIV. Parent Association Report - Youngerman

a. Youngerman – Short meeting, everyone wanted to see the Jazz Performance
b. Cislak – PA is also collaborating with the 40th anniversary program, developed a mentor program to connect students with mentors – info has been sent home in weekly newsletter
c. Tonight is Chipotle fundraiser – we receive 50% of the profits. Park Place. Can use app to order.

XV. SAB - Tully

a. Prom is April 16th at Westward Look from 8pm – Midnight
b. Officer elections are taking place before spring break
c. Representative elections will take place following spring break

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

a. Tobin
b. Zarin

End Time: 4:30 p.m.

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