

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2, 2014
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

I. WELCOME

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. The following members were present:

Jonathan Fey	Melanie Scott
Tricia Zucker	Peggy Ucciferri
Mike Ahn	Kari Reed
Jill Wilk	Shirley McClelland
Rula Kassicieh	Rick Aistrophe
Mick Ucciferri	Ben Campopiano

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report

III. APPROVED MINUTES

The November 4, 2014 Site Council minutes were reviewed. *A motion was made to accept the November 4, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded then approved.*

III. STUDENT REPORT

Mick Ucciferri reported that NG students have been very busy with the following events.
Kindness Week - students gave good gestures to one another having a different theme on each day such as Monday give a hug day, Tuesday give high fives etc.
Canned Food Drive – Went well but not all classes were enthusiastic as others.
Winter Sport Try-Out – Winter sports teams had try-outs and to complete their teams.
Book Drive – Every first period class has a box in their rooms for book donations.
Pencils and Paper Drive – this event is funded by different clubs.
Mock Congress – Begins 12/9 & 12/10 for all seniors.
Giving Tree – Begins 12/9 all donations will be given to local churches.
Rally Week – The week before winter break students dress up and show their school spirit with different themes each day.

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Ben reported for Michael McAlister who was currently attending a district meeting. The Technology Team will be submitting a Site Technology Plan on 12/15 to help with funds for technology support.

Rick Aistrope also reported that the goal is to have everyone with a device will have the ability to connect, to interact, to work in a useful way. Having Wi-Fi available to get information and use it in a classroom would be our ultimate goal.

Ben states that at our next meeting in January Michael will want to talk about the Single Plan for Student Achievement, and added that he will send out an email to everyone reminding them to do their homework on the SPSA. SPSA is located on the NG site council website at northgatesc.org to be reviewed.

Shirley McClelland asks if a committee can be designated for the purpose of helping to understand the SPSA better? Ben agrees and will suggest to Michael for a sub-committee to help review the SPSA and break it down for the board with a clearer understanding.

Jon Fey volunteered to breakdown the SPSA in chunks and report his info at next meeting in January.

V. ELAC REPORT

Jon Fey reports that due to the low numbers of English learners NG is not required to have a separate committee for English Language. He praises Julieta Zuluaga for doing a great job and keeping her kids motivated. Julieta has used Chrome books in her classroom and it has been very successful in her teaching, she would like to expand this program and Jon is trying ways to help make that happen.

Ben asks if NG currently has an ELAC? Jon is not sure because he has heard two different stories on this. He will check into it and report back in next meeting to make sure NG is compliant.

VI. COMMON CORE UPDATE

Ben reported that on 1/26 NG will be having a professional development day where Action Learning Systems will be providing a full day of training around the common core. Their goal is to meet with each department and will hopefully return in March.

Ben explains his role in the common core as an Instructional Coach. He was hired by the district and his job is to help the teachers with the common core transition. In January there will be an information meeting to be held in the Little Theatre to help parents understand how NG is attacking the common core and how teachers are implementing it.

Peggy Ucciferri is concerned about the testing from last year, and asks if the technical issues have been addressed? Rick replies that there are still technical issues, upgrades are in progress. Testing will take place in April.

VII. BUDGET UPDATE

Ben reports the budget for 2014-15 is locked. In the past NG site council has had to help fund position salaries and budget has always been voted on in the spring instead of

September in order to secure those positions in the fall. So hopefully that may change in the future.

VIII. PFC REPORT

PFC Representative is absent.

Tricia Zucker who attended the last PFC meeting stated the crab feed will be coming soon, and the Spring Fling is questionable due to the event is still looking for a location.

IX. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

- Next meeting scheduled for 1/6/15
- Ben and Mick will meet with SC students to remind them what their role is.
- Ben will provide an agenda for common core professional development day.
- Ben will also email members reminding them to go to northgatesc.org to review the SPSA and come to next meeting with some thoughts.
- Jon Fey will follow up on ELAC committee, smarter balance testing, and SPSA breakdown.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.