

MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2013
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

I. WELCOME

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. The following members were present:

Ruth Carver	Octavia Bond
Riley Barnes	Shirley McClelland
Mary Phalon	Margaret Vercammen
Lisa Liu	Teresa Bloom
John McMorris	Dan Reynolds
Robin Spring	Ben Campopiano
Margaret Kotzebue	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 12, 2013 Site Council minutes were reviewed. SC minutes approval cannot be taken due to quorum not present. All voting will be taken at next SC meeting in January.

III. STUDENT REPORT

Senior Rep: Octavia Bond

Northgate has a new girls' softball coach. His name is Mike Weber.

Conflict Management - is a program where selected Junior/Senior students help to mediate student conflicts. This has been a very successful program. In October these students went to Oak Grove Middle School to share and teach students the program.

Junior Rep: Kimia Zahedi (Reported by Riley Barnes)

Juniors are working on their family history projects

JSA Winter Concert is coming up, approximate date is unknown

This year Junior Prom is early will be held at Chabot Conservatory on 2/22

Junior Reps for CSF (California Scholarship Foundation) have been selected

Riley Barnes

Seniors just finished Mock Congress. Students learned the process of writing a bill then presenting and debating it with their fellow classmates. Was a great experience overall. Senior Projects will begin following the holiday break. The program is scheduled to kick-off on Thursday 1/9/14

The pool ground breaking ceremony is Friday 12/20/13 it will also include introduction of the Athletic Training Facility for Sports Med.

Giving Tree – Located in the forum, students can choose an item off the tree to donate. Leadership is overseeing all donations.

Men's Soccer is doing well and winning.

On 12/16 NG had a guest speaker; a Holocaust survivor spoke to our World History students during study session.

The Wise Club – Women in Science & Engineering also had a guest speaker during lunch on 12/16.

Senior Banquet is Sunday 1/26 at the Marriott.

IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – JOHN MCMORRIS

Mr. McMorris explains how SC is the one body at NG that represents everybody; students, parents, classified, teachers etc. We want a high functioning SC that will be looking at where the school is going. We have a strategic plan; a single plan for student achievements which is currently frozen due to the State of California is still deciding a plan for the common core assessments. We are in WASC mid-term review. Every three years WASC a Credentialed Program for State of California and outside certification agency comes to NG and examines our education plan and then gives recommendations. Our last site plan report stated that NG needed to fix a few major problems.

1. Equity across the board in curriculum – our plan to remediation was to create common subject teams, common core assessments.
2. Checking for understanding – Teachers need to be checking in more with their students to make sure students know what to do.
3. Student Individual Educational Plan – College and Career has a plan in place through Naviance. As early as freshman, students create a strategic four year plan at NG consisting of an A-G plan, career and college guidance, and interest and skill assessments.

Ben Campopiano will be our WASC liaison and will be reporting for NG.

Congratulations to Rachel Hallquist for receiving the National Board Certification. And Mr. Brown was recognized by the California Music Educators Association, as the top Jazz Educator in the Bay Area.

On Friday 12/20/13 NG will be having a ground breaking pool ceremony at 12:05 during Study session. In attendance will be the Mayor of Walnut Creek, and District Personnel.

V. ELAC REPORT – JULIETA ZULUAGA

Nothing to report

VI. BUDGET UPDATE – BEN CAMPOPIANO

Ben Campopiano will be meeting with Mr. McMorris about the budget. The SC has asked to see a monthly budget to actual spreadsheet for all dollars the SC has prevue over so budget and expenditures can be tracked month to month. Members would like this info emailed prior to SC meetings.

The board suggests creating a priority list which would be supplied to the district designating how SC monies should be spent.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORT/SOCIAL STUDIES – BEN CAMPOPIANO

Ben reports that Mock Congress was a huge success and the SS department would like to purpose a fundraiser for Mock Congress to go off-site. This event takes place in the LH where is becomes too crowded and students cannot get the ideal simulation.

The SS department is looking into an off-site day to collaborate, lesson planning, assessments, grading, common subject teams etc. Ben concludes that Thursday afternoons are simply not enough time to cover everything.

IX. BYLAWS REVIEW – DAN REYNOLDS

Northgate students completed our first participation in Poetry Out loud a National Poetry Recitation Competition. NG kids did an awesome job, Alex Jacobson was our school Winner and will go on to the County level competition in February.

Dan compiled an outline with changes on the bylaws. Vote on bylaw changes were not taken due to quorum not present. All voting will be done at next SC meeting in January.

X. PFC REPORT – MARY PHALON

Ed-fund is NG biggest fundraiser which parents make an outright donation during student registration. Currently our donation numbers are low.

Coming up April 12, 2014 is Spring for Education. Some of the donation funds will support the Naviance program.

Ben Campopiano asked if PFC funds can help support the tech committee so students can prep for the common core assessments. Mary explained PFC cannot support the whole school and suggested that SC invite David Hevel who is Tech Committee Chair to next SC meeting to help give more insight on Tech Committee regarding the common core roll-out.

Dan Reynolds suggests creating a spread sheet showing the total technology available on site.

Ben Campo will do an informal survey on NG technology. He will report a technology analysis currently being used on site such as ipads, tablets, laptops etc and report at January's meeting.

Next PFC meeting will be 1/16/14 in the Library at 7:00 pm.

XI. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

2014 Site Council Calendar dates are as follows:

1/6/14

2/4/14

3/4/14

4/1/14

5/6/14