

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

**I. WELCOME**

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. The following members were present:

Janet Read	Ruth Carver
Tricia Zucker	Peggy Ucciferri
Mike Ahn	Ian Morford
Jill Wilk	Shirley McClelland
Rick Aistrophe	Goli Mohammadi
Mick Ucciferri	Ben Campopiano
Kourtnie Howerton	Michael McAlister

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing to report

**III. APPROVED MINUTES**

The January 6, 2015 Site Council minutes were reviewed. *A motion was made to accept the January 6, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded then approved.*

**III. STUDENT REPORT**

**Mick Ucciferri –**

Finals are finished and new semester has started.

Leadership applications went out to the student body and are due by 3/18/15.

CAHSEE Testing is 2/3 & 2/4. All 10<sup>th</sup> graders test only & 11<sup>th</sup> graders who have not passed.

Minimum day scheduled for 2/5/15, dismissal at 12:35.

**Goli Mohammadi-**

Northgate has two new teachers, Mr. Marcello (Math) & Ms. Reimer (Social Studies)

2/11 info night 10-12 grade - talk about requirements for UC & CSU's

Wrestling has NCS game on 2/14

2/22 Senior Banquet at Marriot Hotel in WC

**Ian Morford –**

2/26 Disney dress-up & Trevor Townsing Blanket Making. Blankets are donated every year to Children's Hospital in memory of Trevor.

2/27 & 2/28 Musical America

3/2 – 3/6 Multi-Cultural – This event has a good turn out with an assembly on Friday.

3/14/15 Junior Prom

Pool is expected to be finished in spring but not guaranteed for the swimming season.

**IV. PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Michael McAlister explained how the district is now re-figuring the way funds are allocated; he stated how difficult it has been to determine the SC budget. It has taken a long time to figure out and he is still working on it, but he complimented NG for how well they have managed the SC funds in years past and reminded the board that we need to figure out how to allocate with care on how we see our goals in the single site plan. Michael broke down the Categorical funding and how it will be spent to support the common core. (See list below)

Common Core Funding..... .92k  
Professional Development (ALS).....-22k  
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Balance.....Tech and Inst. Materials...48k

Michael feels that the most important thing to do with common core money is to get NG ready for the common core, and by doing this he asks SC to allow him to have the flexibility to re-direct funds into professional development with the idea to have left over funds for a literacy project.

Ruth Carver asks what funds would pay for math software called ALEKS? Rick Aistrophe explains that ALEKS is currently being used in the Special Education Department, and Mr. Tobin is also using this for his Aims classes.

Ruth Carver questioned about on line learning at Northgate? Answered by Rick Aistrophe saying NG is currently using Cyber High primarily as a recovery tool for making up credits and NG currently has a lot of students accessing it. We are looking into the possibility of expanding the use of ALEKS and as for other on-line programs they are still being investigated. Michael responded to Ruth's question, saying he supports on-line courses and these programs are currently a work in progress but he feels that good teaching takes places in a classroom when students and teachers connect one on one.

Janet Read expresses her concern for the reduction of honors courses for next year. Michael explained that any course that had an AP and a regular we didn't want to further stratify by adding an honors course. So next year at NG either students take AP or take the regular. Total of four honor courses were dropped.

**V. BUDGET UPDATE/APPROVAL FOR SUPPLIES**

Budgetary decision as slated before as site discretionary funds from materials carryover 4325 in the amount of \$10,000 to 4300 materials and supplies. These funds will be used to replace broken chairs and desks for office staff, as well as larger computer screens needed to replace outdated small screens. The Materials carryover account currently has a balance of \$39k. By using the common core money in a way that will help support NG Michael has the authority to transfer these funds but likes everyone to know where he is going.

**VI. ELAC REPORT**

Nothing to report

**VII. COMMON CORE UPDATE**

Ben reports that teachers will be having a training day with their peers. On 3/13 ALS (Action Learning Systems) will be back for a full professional development day. The Parent Symposium was on 1/29 with 60 parents in attendance. We discussed the common core and smarter balance testing. The smarter balance test date is geared for April after Spring break; Jon Fey is heading up the testing.

Kourtnie Howerton questioned if there would be a pre-testing to help eliminate logging on issues, and other minor technical glitches. Ben liked Kourtnie's question and will relay her question to Jon Fey.

Ruth Carver wanted SC to know that if funding for HomeLink training is a problem then PFC can possibly help.

**VIII. SPSA**

Postponed for discussion in April

**IX. PFC REPORT**

Rep not available to report

**X. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS**

Ruth Carver stated that the Superintendent had told the Parent Advisory Committee that the Principal's will tell the SC members to bring LCFE recommendations to SC board, but there are some guidelines to be followed.

Jill Wilk would like in future meetings more visual charts if possible, and Peggy Ucciferri wanted more info about the Literacy manual.

Ben stated he is leading a literacy team which will focus on reading and writing. Unfortunately there is no funding and Michael has asked that this team follow the following steps...1. Bring to leadership 2. Create a team 3. Re-look at data at NG 4. Look at similar school's for a comparison. Ben hopes this plan will help the departments come together and be more equitable. He adds the departments need a common manual so that we are teaching it in several ways.

Ruth Carver wanted to know if the Tech Plan can be posted on our school web site. Per Michael we cannot post the Tech Plan until the district gives us their approval.

Next SC meeting scheduled for 3/3/15

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

