

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
March 3, 2015

I. WELCOME

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

Kari Reed	Ruth Carver
Tricia Zucker	Peggy Ucciferri
Margaret Vercammen	Ian Morford
Jill Wilk	Shirley McClelland
Rick Aistrophe	Goli Mohammadi
Mick Ucciferri	Melanie Scott
Kourtnie Howerton	Michael McAlister
Rula Kassicieh	Sally Anderson

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report

III. APPROVED MINUTES

The March 3, 2015 Site Council minutes were reviewed. *A motion was made to accept the March 3, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded then approved with amendments.*

III. STUDENT REPORT

Mick Ucciferri – NG is currently having Multi-Cultural week, with an assembly on Friday in the gym.

Junior Prom is on 3/14 on the USS Hornet in Alameda

Every Saturday in March NHS will be having donations dropped off from 9:30-12 for a future rummage sale.

Goli Mohammadi - On 3/13 there is no school, and progress reports will be distributed this Friday.

Ian Morford – All winter sports have finished and went on to NCS. Boys wrestling finished in 3rd place, and spring sports just began to start their events.

Course selection sheets are due Friday for next year's classes.

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michael announces starting Monday our two Academic Counselors will be helping us out. We are very excited to have them on board. Their offices are located in the Library. Please stop in and make them feel welcome.

V. BUDGET UPDATE/APPROVAL FOR SUPPLIES

Michael McAlister stated that he has been informed by the district that the funding formula is changing and so moving forward the yearly budget will be approximately in the range of \$13000. Currently the SC budget is \$13,900.

McAlister reviewed the SC goals for funding and purposed that SC approves the purchase of \$5000 for Naviance an American college and career readiness software program which currently helps serve all of Northgate's students. Naviance is a blended learning experience for middle and high school students that helps develop critical non-cognitive skills and college knowledge, plus instills confidence so that they persevere to reach their long-term college and career goals.

Ruth Carver wanted to know if the district is providing Naviance for other High Schools. McAlister replied that the district is not, that all high schools are paying for Naviance out of their own funds if they choose to. Ruth's other concern was about other important programs funded in the past such as Shirley's position for tutoring and if Naviance is approved by site council what will happen to these positions such as tutoring? McAlister explained how funds are limited but he has good intentions to make sure Shirley's position is somehow funded.

Kari Reed expressed her support for Naviance. She explains she was a teacher in the district at another high school without Naviance, and adds that we should take this on, because Naviance is such a valuable resource.

Kourtnie Howerton wanted to know if the PFC could possibly pay for Naviance. Michael replied he would prefer not to because he feels Naviance fits the requirements better with site council.

Ruth expressed her budget concerns. She is still very unclear about the budget amount which is half of last year's budget, and in the past site council has had a budget proposal with a list of budgeted items and members voted in the spring. Michael replied that the budget was a mess and the best way to make matters better was by moving forward and starting fresh with a figure of \$13900.

Mick Ucciferri gave his support of the Naviance program, explaining since he was a freshman how useful and valuable the program was to him. Speaking for the students we really need this program to help us get to college.

Motion made for site council to approve the purchase of Naviance of \$5000. Motion was seconded then approved.

Ellen Weinstock-Mehl – a teacher sitting in today's meeting and is not a site council member just wanted to make sure it's noted that the Special Education is not touched by LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) and categorical funds are available as were before.

VI. ELAC REPORT

Nothing to report

VII. COMMON CORE UPDATE

Next in service day is Friday 3/13. We have had lots of good feedback with having the Actions Learning Systems returning and working with our staff once again.

Kari Reed explained how this training helped to apply common core and sets of standards to our lessons we use now and make it user friendly and applicable.

VIII. PFC REPORT

Spring Fling is Saturday 4/25 at Heather Farms

\$55.00 per person at Heather Farms Park/BBQ Buffet Dinner in Lakeside Room

Denim & Diamonds 6-11 pm – fundraiser for general funds

For more information contact Jackie Byrd

IX. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

ELAC Report – Jon Fey

Tricia Zucker would like future warning for approval on future expenditures.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.