

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
April 14, 2015

I. WELCOME

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

Ben Campopiano	Ruth Carver
Tricia Zucker	Peggy Ucciferri
Jonathan Fey	Ian Morford
Jill Wilk	Shirley McClelland
Rick Aistrophe	Goli Mohammadi
Mick Ucciferri	Melanie Scott
Francisco Tubio	Michael McAlister
Rula Kassicieh	Sally Anderson
Mike Ahn	Janet Read

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report

III. APPROVED MINUTES

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

III. STUDENT REPORT

Mick Ucciferri – Rummage sale on Saturday 4/18 in main parking lot (accepting drop off items 4/16 & 4/17 3:30pm -6:30pm. All sales fund the ASB.

Goli Mohammadi – seniors are working on their senior projects which are due the first week of June.

Ian Morford – Northgate now has water in the pool. Soon swim practices will begin. CAASP Testing begins 4/20-5/1.

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michael would like it noted after SC met on 3/3/15 and voted to fund Naviance for \$5000 Michael has been exploring alternative options to find ways to fund Naviance, this would give more flexibility to the SC body.

Michael passed out copies from the LCAP Plan titled Section 2: Goals, Actions, Expenditures, and Progress Indicators to the SC board. He reviewed the top three goals with the board which he deemed necessary for NG to focus on. (please see attached)

Goal 1. After review Michael stated that NG was not focusing its efforts as it could have. Next month he would like to work on re-aligning this goal so that it reflects more.

Goal 2. Michael gave props to Melanie Scott who with Strategic Support has shown great results. He feels NG is going in the right direction, but there is room for more improvement.

Goal 3. Michael thought we need to broaden this goal, instead of Algebra classes, maybe consider Math classes.

Michael would like to re-align the goals for NG. Next week he would like SC to participate by breaking into groups and brainstorming and making recommendations. He wants to Plan 30 minutes for this session.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cori Starr is a Science Teacher at Northgate. Cori is also on COL (Collaboration on Learning Team, Curriculum Council, and Department Chair of the Science Department. Cori explains the various use of technology in the Science classrooms. Students are more engaged with teacher instruction using programs such as turnitin.com, and Kahoot.com. Students use these programs with their cell phones. Another program called Edmodo is like a social network where students join groups and post things to each other and to their teachers. The Science teachers are working hard to incorporate more articles and reports into their lesson plans with the use of technology and various digital tools to help complement and enhance literacy skills.

VI. ELAC REPORT

Francisco Tubio –Currently NG has 32 students in the ESL program. Eight students have not passed the CELDT. Twenty eight out of thirty two students are struggling with long term English Language; these are students who have not gotten a “C” in both English and Math. Students need extra support in their academic classes with writing. Mr. Tubio would like to see better District communication. The ESL Coach in charge of NG retired in the beginning of the year and so far no replacement has been made. Ruth Carver asked if the Mini-Ipads are being used which was purchased prior by SC. Mr. Tubio replied yes, but due to a theft last summer only 13 mini-ipads are left.

VII. COMMON CORE UPDATE

Ben reported on 3/13/15 ALS (Action Learning Systems) came to work with teachers for a 3rd and final day. It was successful. Teachers were feeling ready to move on into some independent work in terms with common core. The goal is to get ALS to return in the fall one last time especially when new staff members come on board. Our goal is to bring the literacy level up in all departments and incorporate more technology into our lesson plans so that NG is more college and career ready.

Ben praised Michael for his presence in the classrooms observing the work of our teachers and making sure the work is more focused on literacy, and technology. He adds he can see a difference from the year prior.

Rick Aistrophe spoke about the complex scheduling for the CAASPEE. There is never a good time for testing to ease the least disruption. Testing will begin next week for two weeks, and then followed up with a week for makeup testing.

Tricia Zucker asked what plans were in place for students who are entering into their senior year and who are not college ready?

Jon Fey added that using data in the past would show where the students' needs are.

Rick Aistrophe said our two new academic counselors focus will be looking at test results and comparing it to what the students are enrolling in and seeing if there is any mismatching that can be found.

VIII. PFC REPORT

Walk Thru dates were confirmed:

8/18/15 – Senior/Juniors

8/18/15 – Soph/Fresh

Preliminary Schedules will be given out.

Kourtnie Howerton will be having “Be the Change” 5/11-5/15 with various activities throughout the week.

Spring for Education 4/25 at Heather Farms Community Center

PFC is re-writing their by-laws, and then voting on them.

PFC is looking into a insurance change to help save monies.

The Next PFC meeting is Thursday at 9am.

IX. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

Next meeting 5/5/15

Meeting adjourned at 4:30