

**MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2012  
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

**I. Welcome**

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm. The following members were present:

Ruth Carver	Francisco Tubio
John Salazar	Shirley McClelland
Kimia Zahedi	Margaret Vercammen
Lisa Liu	Teresa Bloom
Riley Barnes	Mike Ahn
Octavia Bond	John McMorris
Dagem Getahun	Michelle Prebilic Reese
Mary Phalon	Robin Spring
Mary Privitera	

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The November 6, Site Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the November 6, minutes and amend the minutes to acknowledge the approval of the textbook shortage. The motion was made and seconded. Mr. Hevel shared the October minutes had omitted that the Site Council had voted and approved the Textbook Sufficiency Report. The October minutes were amended. A motion was made to approve the revision, the vote passed.

**III. Student Report**

**Junior Rep: Dagem Getahun:**

San Ramon Jazz Festival – Saturday December 9;  
Chabot Memorial – December 12, for Mr. Brown’s mentor who passed away.  
Winter Concert II-Instrumental Music (Concert Band) – both will begin at 7:30 pm.

**Junior Rep: Kimia Zahedi:**

JSA has a winter conference the weekend of February 2, at Lowell H.S in San Francisco. The first debate tournament will be held the same weekend. Northgate debate team will be attending.

**Junior Rep: Rile Barnes:**

Varsity Football made it to 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifier, but lost to Rancho Cotati. The Talent Show was great, Jake Smith and his little sister won 1<sup>st</sup> prize. It was definitely a fun show to see.

**Junior Rep: Octavia Bond:**

The JV improve show was Friday December 7.

The Winter Coral Concert is December 19, & 20. Pre-sales can be purchased on Northgate website [www.northgatehighschool.net](http://www.northgatehighschool.net). Tickets also sold at door; starts at 7.

**Junior Rep: Andrew Morris:**

Winter sports are also starting – Women’s/Men’s Basketball, Women’s/Men’s Soccer and Wrestling. All teams are doing well; Soccer is 4-0-2.

Mock Congress is currently taking place today and tomorrow, something that every senior participates in as they go through Mock government.

John Salazar added that there will be a Women’s Basketball Tournament at DVC 12/13 – 12/15, and on 12/28 and Improv Show at Clayton Valley Charter HS.

**IV. Principals Report**

Since our last meeting on November 6 Measure 30 has passed which meant no more furloughs. We are moving along at NG and trying to create equity for every student and every class by creating pacing guilds and with our long term goal of getting towards with as much project base order as possible. That is our vision from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning. The bottom line is to focus on what does the students know and more importantly what to do with what they know, and to make sure that students who are doing well are challenged at higher levels. Mr. McMorris applauded the language department, any students who have a “D” or “F” are now required to come on early release days Thursdays at 2:10 and all the language teachers come together and work with students who are struggling in language. As a Site Council that’s what our work is all about, helping those students who are not succeeding and then making sure they succeed.

**V. ELAC**

Report not available

**VI. Global Perspectives Presentation**

Mrs. Hallquist presented information about GP program, a threaded, 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of English, World History, and Art Design. All teachers have a powerful connection between the classes. Mrs. Hallquist addressed the concerns of the committee regarding check out policy, loss and damage policy, insurance and product warranty, and student opt out plan. Several questions were raised about students bringing their own device. Mr. Hevel confirmed that if students brought

their own devices then the students will be responsible for additional costs. Northgate would not provide service or care for the students' own devices. A survey sent home to all the parents in GP asking if they would take responsibility for the equipment. The response was 100% yes. Some parents shared positive comments, excited about the program.

Mr. Hevel clarified after reviewing the Site Council budget, 24 ipads would be purchased instead of 30. Site Council would be contributing a total of \$6,200.00 to the program. PFC has committed \$8,000 to this initiative. The total cost of the equipment is \$16,500.00.

Mr. McMorris recommended the Site Council vote to accept this program and would like to have a sub-committee to discuss the implementation of policy and details. A motion was made to accept the proposal with the condition the teachers and students present an results of the pilot. Motion was made and seconded. 17 of 17 voted to pass the proposal.

## **VII. Single Plan for Student Achievement**

Mr. Hevel presented the School-wide Planned Improvements. The 3 planned improvements, Algebra 1, English 1, and ELD were discussed in detail. The Department Planned Improvements were discussed. Discussion followed and these were the points made.

Mr. Brady explained how the ELD program is challenged with multiple languages including Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, and more. We have approximately nine languages here at Northgate.

Mr. Hevel called for a motion to approve the Site Plan for School Wide Planned Improvement. The motion was approved, seconded, and 17 or 17 members approved the plan.

Site Council budget was reviewed; a motion was made to approve the Site Council budget of \$65,818.88. The plan included .04 FTE to support a class reduction in Algebra 1 and English 1. The plan also included administrative support for SARB, NHS peer tutoring program, and Site Council Administrative support. A motion was made to approve the Single Plan, the motion was seconded, and a vote of 17 of 17 members approved the plan.

## **VIII. PFC Report**

Mary Phalon, the PFC President, reported the Technology Committee has not met yet. They are still trying to see what Measure C will pay for and determine what the needs of the school and how to meet those needs. Technology Committee will meet in January.

PFC party Thursday 12/20 everyone is invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32