

MINUTES MARCH 4, 2014
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

I. WELCOME

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. The following members were present:

Ruth Carver	Nicole Reyherme
Riley Barnes	Peggy Ucciferri
Mary Phalon	Margaret Vercammen
Lisa Liu	Teresa Bloom
Rula Kassicieh	Dan Reynolds
Robin Spring	Ben Campopiano
Margaret Johnson	Goli Mohammadi
Joe Siino	Kimia Zahedi
Janet Read	Jill Wilk

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to report

III. PFC REPORT

Next PFC meeting is scheduled for 3/20 at 7pm.

Spring for Education is coming up on Saturday April 12th. The committee is contacting teachers for donations. Currently PFC is forming their board for next year 2014-15; there are plenty of open positions available if anyone is interested. Some changes for the next year are two faculty members who will represent at the meetings.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 4, 2014 Site Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the February 4, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded then approved.

V. STUDENT REPORT

Kimia Zahedi: 11th Grade Rep

NG Mock trial placed 4th in the County. The following students won separate judges awards; Aneesha Lugani (12), Peter Welch (11), Michaela Kus (12), Allison Bertolozzi (10), Matt Adams (12).

JSA – (Junior Statesman of America) Spring State Convention is coming up April 4-6. This event will have elections for regional candidates in the entire Northern region. The following Northgate students running for positions in the East Bay Region are Jackson McDonough (Vice Mayor), David Bronstein (Senator), and our own site council rep Kimia Zahedi (Mayor).

Model United Nations – Conference is taking place during this week in New York City with Mr. McMorris.

Riley Barnes: 12th Grade Rep

Science department went on a Physiology field trip to Exploratorium.

Challenge Day was successful and had a lot of good feedback from students.

Senior Ball is scheduled for May 3rd at the Scottish Rites Center in Oakland.

Improve Show is next week on 3/14 at 7pm tickets are \$3.00.

Golie Mohammadi: 10th Grade Rep

CAHSEE exam for all sophomores are coming in mid-March.

This week is Multi-cultural and clubs are selling food at lunch in the forum.

Leadership Garage sale is March 15, 2014

VI. ELAC REPORT: NICOLE REYHERME

Right now the focus is on students who are not in the ELD classrooms and who have not been re-designated and who are not English proficient. Current meeting are in place with these students in hopes to determine what support can be offered to get these students to pass Math/English so they can be re-designated.

VII. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: NICOLE REYHERME

Mr. McMorris is currently in New York attending Model UN with NG students so he has asked VP Nicole Reyherme to report for him in his absence.

Construction of the pool will begin March 10. Fences will be going back up which will displace faculty parking. Nicole is working on a parking plan to help provide more parking spaces during the pools construction.

The Technology Committee is still looking for new members. Next district meeting will be on Tuesday March 11, 2014.

VIII. BUDGET DISCUSSION 2013-14

Northgate's 2013-14 SC budget started with \$49,000.00 with last year's approval of personnel support for Shirley McClelland and Teresa Bloom leaving a remaining budget of approximately \$28,801.00.

Ben brings up some valid concerns about the current SC money:

- A. Monies can be rolled over to next year with the risk of losing all funds.
- B. Spending monies that Measure C might already cover.

Ben has received feedback from the departments for ideas of spending SC funds. He passed out list of each department stating funding requests. (See attached document).

The Technology breakdown from the district is explained by Nicole Reyherme. Approximately \$100,000 will go toward technology for the common core implementation. Over \$100,000 is expected for instructional materials and a large sum of money will go toward professional development. Nicole suggests that any purchases for laptop carts would benefit the common core testing. Currently all of our computers on site meet the requirements for testing. Nicole adds that any upgrades would not be necessary and that the technology committee is making a plan so when Measure C money comes available then Northgate will be ready to spend.

The SC board recognizes the proposal from foreign language and the ELL department; these two departments will be combining their funds for hopes of a computer lab and are asking the board to approve their requests for \$6180.

Motion made to extend the SC meeting until 5:00. Motion was seconded and approved.

Dan Reynolds encourages the board to consider spending funding on computer technology in the way which serves the majority of students.

After extended review of Foreign Language and ELL proposal a motion was made to approve the \$6180 request. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dan Reynolds made a motion to request funding for the following departments totaling costs of \$14000.

English – 3000.

Library – 3000.

PE – 3000.

Special ED – 5000

Ben states his disagreement with Dan Reynolds motion and explains that to adequately serve most of our students needs is to spend on technology. He agrees that every department has things that they need but computers is the number one thing that Northgate is lacking.

As 5:00 draws near it is clear that more time is needed to adequately determine which department has a priority for funding. The board requests to meet for an emergency meeting on Tuesday March 18, and all requests are tabled before the council. The board also requests a report from Nicole Reyherme with information from the Districts Tech Committee scheduled to meet on 3/11/14.

IX. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cori Star is a Science teacher at Northgate H.S. Cori is also on the Curriculum Council, and on COL (Collaboration on learning team).

Cori explains the various use of technology in the science classrooms. Students are engaged with teacher instruction using programs such as turniton.com; Poll Everywhere is to answer questions with the use of cell phones, and Edmodo, RTI etc. Using these programs helps teachers to accurately target areas in which students are understanding concepts of instruction, as well as see students who are struggling. RTI is high-quality instruction and universal screening of all children in the general **education** classroom. This program helps identify students with 70% or lower and is designed to go back and re-teach and make sure students understand. Edmodo is like Facebook for students where students join groups and post things to each other and to teachers. Pacing guides are in place. In January Science teachers made rounds by visiting other classrooms (at least two classrooms) the focus of these visits was checking on students understanding in the classroom.

X. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

The following members were voted into SC positions by ballot.

Parent Representatives: Janet Read, Jill Wilk (alternate), Joe Siino.

Student Representative: Goli Mohammadi

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

