

MINUTES May 6, 2014
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

I. WELCOME

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

Ruth Carver	Nicole Reyherme
Peggy Ucciferri	Margaret Vercammen
Rula Kasscieh	John McMorris
Jill Wilk	Goli Mohammadi
Robin Spring	Mike Ahn
Lisa Liu	Ben Campopiano
Shirley McClelland	Teresa Bloom

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report

III. APPROVED MINUTES

The April 1, 2014 Site Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the April 1, 2014 minutes; the motion was seconded then approved.

III. STUDENT REPORT

Senior Rep Lisa Liu:

Senior Ball was 5/3/14, and students were very good.
Senior presentations are coming in June for senior projects.

Freshman Rep Goli Mohammadi:

Moving up week is 5/19 – 5/23. Many events planned as rallies, dress-up days, and an assembly. Jamba Juice will be sold at lunch in the forum to raise funds for ASB. Juniors are having a fundraiser at Daneka’s restaurant in Walnut Creek, and sophomores will be having a cupcake baking contest at lunch on 5/29.

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORT-JOHN MCMORRIS

John McMorris reported good news from US News and World Reports that Northgate ranked #234 in the top 500 schools in California, and #1082 in the Nation.

On 5/7 and 5/8 Northgate staff will be voting school wide to move study session to a fixed fourth period, two thirds vote is needed to pass. If passed students in good standing with C’s or better and no discipline issues for at least two quarters will get a hour lunch, if students have any D’s or F’s will have study session and paired up with a mentor.

Next year Northgate will also model a new freshman program called Link Crew. Link Crew helps freshman to acclimate, and other schools in the district have used the link model and have had a huge success.

Nicole Reyherme adds that as a Vice Principal she has observed students at lunch who have no connection with the school and end up leaving campus to attend an Independent Studies Program. Link Crew would help students stay in touch with other students with activities, and the upper classman will be supporting these students by meeting with freshman one day a week, and two days a week as an academic mentor.

John McMorris gave a big shout-out to Ben Campopiano for doing a fantastic job as Northgate's WASC Leader. WASC (Western Association for Schools and Colleges) was very impressed with Ben, and said he did a great job.

V. ELAC REPORT

Nicole Reyherme explains how students are re-designated. As students achieve a certain level in the CELT Test, and have passing grades in their Math and English classes, and have earned a certain number score on the CST's then they can be re-designated. Approximately ten students at Northgate could not be re-designated because CST's were not done this year due to the common core testing. The district has made arrangements for those students who are close to being re-designated as English fluent to be tested.

VI. BUDGET REPORT

Ben Campopiano announced that the Chrome book laptops have arrived. SC helped fund these laptops for the Foreign Language department and have been set up in the Listening Lab located in a portable near the swimming area. It is set up with thirty seven stations and looks very professional.

Ben Campopiano recommends to SC to vote on salaries for support personnel Shirley McClelland for her support with SARB and Peer Tutoring, and Teresa Bloom as clerical support staff for SC meetings.

John McMorris explains the importance for these two salaries to be approved. Shirley's job with SARB (Student Attendance Review Board) is very instrumental in tracking, documenting student's attendance to help keep our attendance rates as high as possible. In addition to Shirley's position is Peer Tutoring, a mentor program that will be greatly needed for next year. Shirley spends a lot of time matching up appropriate mentors of approximately 300 students.

Teresa Bloom's position as clerical support for SC, she makes sure the work gets done; recording minutes, preparing documents, copying, and emailing members and district personnel.

Ben Campopiano – a vote is needed to plan for approximately \$16000 to be set aside for next year. Because funds have not been determined as of yet for next year, some SC members are concerned about voting at this time. John McMorris estimates that budget will be more next year approximately around \$90,000. Funding from the district will be in August.

John McMorris made a motion that based on the assumption that SC funding will be the same as last year; SC will continue to fund salaries for Shirley McClelland and Teresa Bloom from the previous year for 2014-15.

Nicole Reyherme disagrees, and would like the board to make a concrete Yes or No vote to honor salaries. She adds that support personnel need to plan on a secured position in the fall.

John McMorris's proposal was seconded and approved.

Ben brought another budget issue to the board's attention. PFC would like Ben to discuss the possibility of SC assisting with partially funding a campus supervisor's salary which PFC can no longer provide due to a low budget. Salary info was not currently available John McMorris proposes SC to have a meeting in June to finalize budgetary issues. Meeting date & time TBA.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike Ahn discusses two popular events that are taking place in the PE department. The Ultimate Frisbee Extravaganza in which PE classes compete against each other. Each class will produce an All Star Team which competes in a championship game during lunch time and the winning team receives prizes. Starting Monday 5/19 Paddle Tennis Invitational begins, a lunch time event only. Some teams consist of boys, girls and some mixed. This year there is a chance of a first all-girls team that could possibly win. These are very fun events and would like to extend the invitation for all to come out to watch.

Currently new sports are being implemented in PE classes such as La Cross which has just started. Mike has recently attended the National PE Convention last month in April to see demonstrations of various sports other schools are doing in their classes. Now that Northgate will be having a new pool soon the State requires that schools with a pool on campus must comply by offering a 9th grade unit in swimming. Mike concludes that as they prepare for implementing this later, NG PE department continues to try to be creative and to implement active new sports for their students.

VIII. TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Nicole Reyherme reports that NG completed common core testing. NG learned that NG is not equipped to test properly, and the multi media lab was not able to support testing on the first day. Computers froze, sound in the headphones didn't work and testing was a complete disaster. The Tech Committee has finalized a three year plan which was originally a five year plan, Northgate's focus is to acquire enough computers equipped to support half of the junior class to take a test at the same time.

IX. PFC REPORT

Nothing to report

X. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.

