

MINUTES JUNE 5, 2014
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

REVISED 8/4/14

I. WELCOME

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

Ruth Carver	Nicole Reyherme
Peggy Ucciferri	Margaret Vercammen
Mike Ahn	John McMorris
Peter Ceresa	Shirley McClelland
Rula Kassicieh	Dan Reynolds
Robin Spring	Ben Campopiano

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report

III. APPROVED MINUTES

The May 27, 2014 Site Council minutes were reviewed. *A motion was made to accept the May 27, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded then approved.*

III. DEPARTMENT REQUEST

NG Math Chair Peter Ceresa is requesting support from the SC to fund one section of Algebra 1 for 9th grade students for class size reduction. This would lower the number of students from 37 to 32 allowing more time to give students individual attention, keeping students on task, and helping students who need additional help. The cost of one section for a classroom teacher is a 0.2 FTE. As other requests began to be discussed, Dan Reynolds made a motion to the board to have all parties make their requests before further discussion. The Motion was seconded and approved.

Ben Campo asked Robin Spring why Math and English have class size reduction and other classes such as History and PE do not? Robin explains because History is not required in 9th grade and from her personal experience she feels that students who begin Math and English with smaller class sizes have a stronger foundation from the start, in turn giving the teachers more time needed with the students.

IV. DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Northgate's English teacher Robin Spring is requesting support from the SC to fund one section of English 1 for 9th grade students for class size reduction. This would reduce class sizes down from 33 to 28. Robin stressed the importance of individual attention which is needed to bring out success in every student. The cost of one section for a classroom teacher is a 0.2 FTE.

V. BUDGET 2014-15 – STAFF SALARIES

Ron Otero is a computer technician at Northgate, and his salary is partly paid from the district and PFC. PFC currently pays 0.7 FTE of Ron's salary with the district paying 0.3 FTE. It was hoped that the PFC would continue their 0.7 FTE funding to keep Ron full time for the 2014-15 school year but they will only be able to fund at 0.5 FTE. SC has been asked to pay the 0.2 FTE to keep Ron full time for the next school year. Per Nicole Reyherme the district has an assigned technician from TIS (Technology and Informational Services) to NG for tech services but because NG has their own site technician, services from the district have not been needed. Dan Reynolds believes that NG can get by with a Site Technician at a 0.8 FTE instead of 1.0 FTE. Mike Ahn also agrees with Dan's statement.

Ben Campopiano made a motion to remove the requested 0.2 FTE for site technician's salary. The motion was seconded and approved.

Shannon Bottorff is a full time campus supervisor at Northgate. Her salary is partly paid from district and PFC. PFC currently pays a 0.25 FTE of Shannon's salary due to budget cuts. The PFC can no longer help with her salary and is asking for Site Council support to pay the 0.25 FTE. Nicole explains that not only is the need for a full-time campus supervisor necessary but also for many other reasons such as safety. Shannon arrives on campus early every morning and she knows all the students which are essential to NG when dealing with discipline and security issues. She also chaperones all the sporting events and is very dependable. Mike Ahn adds that Shannon has formed a trust with the students that her presence is very important for security and safety reasons.

Ben summarizes that with the remaining budget of \$25,957 not all requests can be funded. He encourages the board to make a decision. Nicole adds that she has faith in Lynda Hayes with master scheduling and believes if one of the class size reduction requests get approved then Lynda can do her magic and somehow get the other request funded. Ruth Carver states that her top priority is Math, campus supervisor and then English. Nicole also made a proposal to eliminate the SC secretarial position which is approximately \$2,000, giving SC enough monies to fund the Math request and campus supervisor. She explains if necessary she would personally take SC notes next year and prepare agenda's so that the Math request and Campus Supervisor could be funded.

Dan Reynolds would like to amend Nicole's motion and feels that he does not support undoing a vote once it has been approved. His motion was seconded. Peggy Ucciferri supports Dan's motion based on the budget's funding balance and feels this is the smartest way to go. Dan Reynolds encourages the council to find every way possible to help fund for class size reduction in Math because of its importance.

It was moved and seconded that the Site council will reimburse the Mt. Diablo Unified School District for the cost of 0.2 FTE classroom Math teacher and 0.25 FTE Campus Supervisor II for the 2014-15 school year in accordance with the 2014-15 Site Council budget. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Site Council Budget for 2014-15 be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Northgate Site Council 2014-15 Budget

Income	2014-15 Proposed
Total Income	\$45,948

Expenses	
SARB/Peer Tutoring Coordinator	\$14,000
Site Council Secretary	\$2,000
Benefits for SC Scty & SARB/Peer Tutor Coord	\$4,000
0.25 FTE Campus Supervisor II	\$11,734
0.2 FTE English Teacher (class size reduction)	\$14,297
Total Expense	\$46,031

VI. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm