

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2012
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

I. WELCOME

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:19 pm. The following members were present:

John McMorris	Mr. Ceresa
Shirley McClelland	Margaret Vercammen
John Salazar	Octavia Bond
Ruth Carvar	Riley Barnes
Mary Privitera	Michelle Prebilic–Reese
Mary Phalen	Kimia Zahedi
Sam Kasdin	Dagem Getahun
Francisco Tubio	Andrew Morris
Teresa Bloom	

II. Approval of Minutes

The October 16, 2012 Site Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the October 16, minutes, and to amend section VII –Review of the Bylaws: to read, revision of 5 classroom teachers instead of 6. The motion was made and seconded.

III. Student Report

Junior Rep: Octavia Bond:

CSF; will be sponsoring a coin drive. Leadership; will be having a blood drive

Athletic camps: Many athletes at Northgate are not aware of the amount of college exposure that they can have. Every college has camps for sports multiple times a year for various sports and many athletes have no idea that

these camps are available to them. These camps are specifically for the high school athletes to get the college exposure, and show of their skills directly in front of the college coaches. Octavia, purposes and idea that Northgate post the dates & times of multiple colleges (UC, State Colleges, & Junior Colleges) within a 2 hour radius of Northgate on the Northgate Athletics webpage. This she believes will encourage athletics to attend these camps and get the level of college exposure they want and need.

Sophomore Rep: Dagem Getahun:

Performing Arts –Fall Play “Clue”, Instrumental Music–Jazz Band: next concert at DVC,

The MDUSD Jazz festival November 14, adds new event to already full calendar at Chabot College on December 12, (Memorial concert for Elliot Char now); Marching Band has last Band review at Napa Vintage HS; Next concert series at NHS December 6, 11,13; Disney Trip announced for Apr 17–21, 2013;

Sophomore/Freshman Night on November 7, we find out what we should be doing now to prepare for the College application process.

Junior Rep: Lisa Liu:

CSF sponsoring Coin Drive for the Martinez Veteran Rehabilitation Center thru 11/1

Current Leadership project: Blood Drive signups are now through November 9. A table will be set up in the Forum during lunchtime. Students must be 16 to sign up

Senior Rep: Andrew Morris:

Athletics; Football is doing well – Broncos made NCS, Women’s Tennis made NCS and is seated 4th. Cross Country finished up their season with a meet in Hawaii, Northgate’s Daniel Stalter finished in first place. Winter season coming up and try-outs are currently taking place for Wrestling, Men/Women Basketball and Soccer. The athletic website for all sports can be viewed at www.northgatebroncos.org.

IV. Principal’s Report

Today is Election Day. Tonight’s election results on proposition #30 will determine furlough days and also will determine MDUSD board election. Northgate is bursting out of its seams, and we currently have no more room. The district states all new enrollments will have to go to another school. We are trying to avoid this from happening by offering courses at adult education and cyber high etc. DVC noted that Northgate had identical remediation numbers for Math and English as does Los Lomas

High School and explains that we are doing great things with collaborating with Edmodo, and improving every day to help bring the numbers up. Discussion followed with **concern** about our drop off figures from freshmen through senior year. McMorris can't explain the low figures and contributes it to students possibly doing too much busy work, or loosing grasp over the summer and then trying to play catch up in the fall. We are trying all things to keep our students engaged. Collaboration is our solution in correcting students who are not learning, and finding a way to help them learn and seeing what works and recognizing ways to teach more efficiently. We offer a tutoring program run by Shirley McClelland. Shirley reported that we currently have 180 tutees and 178 tutors. Mr. McMorris concludes that anyone with ideas or concerns to please email him.

V. ELAC Report

Mr. Brady represented Juliana Zuluaga in her absence. He stated that we have one English Language Development class with 20 students and the need for the I Pad minis and I Pad charging cart and the translation software. This technology support will help Ms. Zuluaga teach more effectively.

VI. WHAT IS A SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

a. Components of SPSA

David Hevel explained the 3 main components of SPSA:

1. Section 1 outlines the data provided by the school district that is an overview of student performance on the STAR and outline the AYP for the school,
2. Section 1 outlines the School-Wide Planned Improvements. These improvements are directly in line with the results of the STAR exam in Mathematics and English. Last's years plan focused on improving scores in Algebra 1 and English 1. The actions and expenditures for the 2011-12 school year supported class size reduction in those subjects.
3. Department planned improvements are supplemental improvements that individual departments will enact throughout the year. For the 2012-13 school year, Global Perspectives submitted planned improvements. It is a freshman level course.

c. Review budget 2012-13

The following items were reviewed and voted on for approval: 1) Proposal of Algebra 1 and English 1 Freshman class reduction, 2) SARB and Peer Tutoring Support Personnel

and 3) Admin Support for taking minutes and managing the correspondence for Site Council

Mr. Hevel proposed a pilot program using iPads for the Global Perspective classes. Global Perspective is an integrated class offered to freshman, which consists of English, World History, and Design A/B to provide supported curriculum for students struggling with transitioning from middle to high school and add rigor to those freshman looking to take World History their freshman year. The proposed pilot of 1:1 iPads to student supports Project Based Learning using technology tools at the core of the class. The total cost of iPads, cart and equipment is \$21,000. The team is asking for \$8500.00 from Site Council. The remaining funds would be asked of PFC and individual departments. Discussion followed about the technology agreements that would cover proper usage for lost or damaged items and that the program needs to have a master plan before approval. Also, if GP program failed what would happen to purchased iPads. PFC president stated that iPads are not program restricted and can be used for other programs if pilot program is not repeated.

Mr. Hevel made a motion to approve action items 1–4. Motion was approved for items 1–3, item 4 was tabled for further discussion in December. Mr. Hevel clarified a list of questions to be addressed in the December meeting.

Proposal of iPad Cart for ELA class

Mr. McMorris made a motion for approval for 20 iPad minis and a cart. He stressed how funds needed to be voted for approval immediately. If we don't use the Site Council money it will be ceased by the district at the end of the school year. Mr. Brady also supports the iPad cart and agreed that there are some issues that need to be worked out. He states that this is the smartest pilot so far.

VII. COL REPORT

Mr. McMorris reported about staff development that all the staff shared their progress on the pacing guild lines.

VIII. PARENT REPORT/QUESTIONS

Nothing to report