

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2012  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

**I. WELCOME**

The site council meeting was called order at 3:17 pm. The following members were present:

John McMorris	Shirley McClelland
Ruth Carver	Mrs. Zulaaga
Peter Ceresa	Robin Spring
Margaret Johnson	Teresa Bloom
Mary Privitera	Lisa Liu
Margaret Vercammen	Andrew Morris
David Hevel	Dagem Getahun

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 1, 2012, motion approved and accepted.

**III. STUDENT REPORT**

The census for most students and their concerns were the shortage of classes specifically, Physiology. Students were not happy with how schedules were changed and students were forced to take electives they did not want. Several fundraisers are in progress and working very well. Margaret Vercammen is the Web Master and requests that she be aware of all fundraisers so that she may link them to the website.

**IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. McMorris presented a slide show to display the statistics of 2012-11 testing results. The discussion followed of why students test scores have dropped after completing high scores in elementary. Robin Spring noted that students are more academically challenged which would explain the drop of proficient students in math. She also explains that reading comprehension is more challenging to students compared to a decade ago due to more technology items taking students away from reading in general.

**V. ELAC REPORT**

Ms. Zuluaga reported a need for mini I-pads for ELAC students. Northgate has 8 different languages 9-12, students need more tools as possible to help them. In order for one to develop a language it takes 5-7 years with the support of family community etc. The Mini I-pad would be an essential tool for ELAC students with an application that would give them a better opportunity to grasp English. Students would access on line instructions from home using a wireless router and be required to speak back to

the device. I-pads are more convenient and can be taken everywhere. Other advantages to having this application is that it would allow teachers to create their own material. 20 Mini I-pads are needed, and the cost is approximately \$277.00 each. Ms. Zuluaga is still waiting for confirmation of the cost of the application.

**VI. TEXTBOOK SUFFICIENCY REPORT:**

Currently Northgate is 5 books short in Physiology. Northgate is over by 5 students.

**VII. REVIEW OF THE BY LAWS**

A 2009 most recent copy of the bylaws were found and to be up to date. As stated under Article II Composition 6 classroom teachers shall be elected, but we only have 5. Site council may revise that with a vote.

A motion was made to vote on revision of bylaws by David Hevel. The motion was accepted and approved.

**VIII. BUDGET**

There is approximately \$3500 in GATE money. A letter will go out later this week to teachers asking for concerns for funding the department. Department chairs will be getting together next week to determine a need. A form will be used to request full funding, as well as a partial funding.

**IX. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- A) Collaboration of learning – Teachers will be splitting up into groups by grade and working with EDMODO. The task this year is to create performance maps to map out the entire year and to be able to report student's progress being made. Once performance maps are made then teachers can compare notes and this would be especially good for new teachers. Also, teachers will be able to work from different departments and collaborate.
- B) Department planned improvements – Obtain objectives from teachers and how they are meeting their goals and achievements.

**X. PFC REPORT**

A report from PFC will be available soon with issues to be upgraded, such as pool, computers etc. One of the concerns discussed was the new bathrooms should be built up closer to the classrooms rather than near the pool area so that students may use them. Pool Fundraiser is Movie Night scheduled for Saturday 10/20/12. This will be a fun community event. Clean-up day was October 6. There were approximately 350 volunteers on Saturday 10/13/12. This was a very good turn-out. Future plans are to schedule more clean-up days.

**XI. QUESTIONS/FUTURE ITEMS**

A future meeting with Ron Otero is planned. Measure C will help with funds but will not be enough for total upgrade. A technology plan is in the works, a report will be available soon.