

San Diego Unified School District
UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL
 Instructional Council Meeting
 February 13, 2017
 B-4 2:30 p.m.

Instructional Council Members present :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Olivero - Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bristol – WASC Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Paredes - Vice Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Csakai – College Career & Tech Education
Jo McGlin - Vice Principal	Gail Hall – English Learners/Dean of Attendance
Sherryl Godfrey – Head Counselor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Jones – School Psychologist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Pores – English Language	Laura Alles - School Psychologist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janelle Aleksic – Science/Adv Studies/GATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Quessenberry - Science/Adv Studies/GATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Huszar - Math	Jennifer Breeding – Special Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Quillin – Physical Education	Gemi McCarthy - Art
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Schiller – Social Studies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Dethsy – World Language

- **One Positive!**

Susan Bristol’s sister who is married to a former Marine has a Marine themed brewery named SpecHops in Vista that will open this weekend.

- **NICHE Report - 2017 Best Public High Schools in California**

University City HS was ranked #99 out of 1573 high schools in CA, and # 79 for preparing students for college. Here is the link: <https://www.niche.com/k12/rankings/public-high-schools/best-overall/s/california/>

The NICHE organization looked at:

1. Academic rigor on campus
2. Value of teachers
3. Diversity of student body
4. Clubs and activities on campus
5. Health and safety on campus

Janell Aleksic’s mother saw this on the news and shared the good news to her.

Mr. Olivero encouraged to read the comments. The comments are positive like teachers’ involvement with students, students feel safe, academics are hard and fair.

Phil Huszar added that UCHS was ranked 90th within California in 2016 US News and World Report Best High School. Here is the link:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/districts/san-diego-unified-school-district/university-city-high-3215>

Mr. Olivero received an email from Standley Middle School P.E. Teacher/Volleyball Coach who was with the 8th Graders during the “Unlocking the Genius” fieldtrip here in UCHS. He heard all positive comments from the kids during their day here in UC. Mr. Olivero praises the student leaders who talked like adults to the younger kids informing them about clubs and organizations being offered here. They discussed their experiences, activities, practices, and how they can get involve. The student leaders guided the 10 groups the entire day. It is an acknowledgement to the work the teachers are doing in clubs, academics, extra-curricular, etc. in teaching student to be leaders.

- **Instructional Supplies Update (Froze)**

Instructional Supplies Budget is frozen as of two weeks ago, but with some exceptions. The staff can request a special permission from the District depending on the activities and why it is necessary. The District permitted the UC Wrestling Team to go to Brawley for their competition this weekend. The school will ask for the printing of the school paper and sound system for graduation.

The Categorical/Title I money is not frozen. The school will request School Site Committee (SSC) to move the money to fund Professional Development if needed. Mr. Olivero will check the balance of the fund.

- **Rubber Band Idea Applied to Grading**

Growth Mindset Grading System for Regular Classes- a grading policy that does not compare a student’s progress to another student’s. Instead, a grade is determined by the growth or progress for that particular student. In other words, grading is individualized.

Mr. Olivero asked the Department Chairs these two questions. How do you create a grading system that is fair and equitable to all kids in the regular class? Is your grading based on mathematical approach (point system) or behavioral scientific approach?

Susan Bristol shared what Aaron Pores discussed during their Department meeting about formative assessment versus summative assessment. The summative assessment has a percentage proving that they learn the material while formative assessment is based on effort. Aaron added that it was part of the Capacity Builder training he attended.

Mr. Olivero encouraged the department heads to talk to their teachers to look at the student individually rather than using the point system because not all students start from the same level. Look at the students who are trying their best, staying in the game, putting all his/her effort to their work.

Jason Quillin mentioned that students don’t deserve to have that leeway of growth if the kid is not trying.

- **Principal’s Forum and Update**

Mr. Olivero met with 14 students twice. First meeting was social icebreaking. He invited students that have importance on campus socially but not all came. They have opinions and views. They talked about how great the campus and their experiences at the school. They all selected a book from the 4 books that they can choose to read outside their class. There will be a meeting tomorrow and he asked to invite a friend to the meeting. He wants to expand the group to 50 students.

- **Master Schedule and Staffing**

Mr. Olivero and Mr. Paredes prepared a mock Master Schedule. They didn't have time to include the Department Chairs and other people but they will bring them this Spring. Most of the grade level will have over 450 students. From the mock master schedule, the whole Art section may not be offered.

We have two teachers that are on leave and they are still in the budget book. They must excess 1.8 FTEs that may not be an excess at the end. There are teachers that are thinking of retiring. He added that there are Site excess and District notices. On March 15, the District will give out notices based on seniority within the District.

Jason Quillin asked if there are changes on the bell schedule.

Mr. Olivero said they are considering schools who are offering 3 by 5. Mr. Paredes is in contact with the Del Norte Principal. The Del Norte High School has been doing this since the school was opened on 2009. He explained that you have 5 classes, 1/3 of the year; 5 classes, middle of the year and 5 classes, the last third of the year. It allows for more elective options and mediations. The teachers only have 4 classes a day of the 5 that the students are taking. It is a different dynamic and more expensive. This will not happen next school year and still studying the pros and cons.

- **Testing Calendar**

Gail Hall sent out the 2016-2017 Assessment Schedule. Mr. Olivero will give more information regarding the accuracy of the times. He wants to designate adequate time for the students to finish the test.

California Science Tests (CAST) is happening April 26 and April 27. AP testing is on May 1-12 at the Gym. The SmarterBalanced Literacy testing is on May 15- 19 and SmarterBalanced Mathematics is on May 22-25. The testing days are regular day schedule.

- **SSGT Training for Staff (March 8th)**

The SDEA will conduct a School Site Governance training for teachers on March 8th after the PLC meeting. The training will take 30 – 45 minutes. Aaron Pores was approached by teachers who wants to do this so they'll know the purpose and how to get involve.

Mr. Olivero is positive that after the training, there will be more teachers will join the team. He mentioned that serious decisions come through Governance. It is an opportunity for students, staff, community members, and parents to discuss matters that are very important.

- **Round Table**

UC teachers and Standley teachers will have a collaboration meeting on February 22nd. Mr. Olivero will contact Mr. Bill Pearson and he will give out information regarding the meeting.

Social Studies and English are having a joint LGBT Part 2 training on how to work that in their curriculum. It is a follow up from last one. It is listed as regular PLC day.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting date and time: March 13, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lucy Alonzo