

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

Instructional Council Members present (X):

(X) Jeff Olivero - Principal	(X) Susan Bristol – WASC Coordinator
(X) Michael Paredes - Vice Principal	(X) Steve Csakai – College Career & Tech Education
(X) Jo McGlin - Vice Principal	(X) Gail Hall – English Learners/Dean of Attendance
Sherryl Godfrey – Head Counselor	(X) Bob Jones – School Psychologist
(X) Aaron Pores – English Language	Laura Alles - School Psychologist
Janelle Aleksic – Science/Adv Studies/GATE	(X) Maureen Quessenberry - Science/Adv Studies/GATE
(X) Phil Huszar - Math	Jennifer Breeding – Special Education
(X) Jason Quillin – Physical Education	(X) Delia Martin - Art
(X) Jonathan Schiller – Social Studies	(X) Tracy Lynn – World Language

● **One Positive!**

- Gail Hall cut down her 3 foot weeds (grass) from her backyard.
- Mr. Olivero shared a story from CBS news that happened in Italy about weeds growing in abandon field due to the chemical plant contaminating the soil. They found out the weeds are cleansing the polluted soil. They are making socks and other clothing from the weeds with weeds symbol. Here is a link to the CBS News story: <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/italy-farmers-fight-contamination-with-cannabis-plant/>.¹
- Phil Huszar watched the movie, Logan.
- Aaron Pores read a book gave by his relative last Christmas.
- Tracy Lynn lost 10 lbs., 30 more to go.
- Jonathan Schiller planned a surprise birthday party for his wife yesterday.

● **Friday’s Assembly**

Mr. Olivero will do a callout tomorrow (March 14, Tuesday) of what happen and the ill effects of social media and add his twitter account (jeffolivero@mrO@uchs) to let the people know the current information about school happenings.

Mr. Paredes mentioned that bullying is present and be aware and tell the students to stop.

¹ Lucy Alonzo added this link.

- **Next year's PD early out plan and schedule**

Mr. Olivero gave the UCHS 2016-2017 Calendar and SDUSD 2017-2018 School Year Calendar as a guide to plan for next school year's Professional Development (PD) early out and schedule. He informed the group that it is an open forum. The Department members and representatives gave their opinions and positions on what worked and not worked during this year's schedule. Here are their suggestions and explanations regarding their thinking.

<i>Department Chair</i>	<i>Intervention Days</i>	<i>Dept. Meeting</i>	<i>PLC</i>	<i>Cluster PD</i>
Mike Brown (emailed Mr. Olivero)	-More intervention days around progress reporting period, every 5 th week, 2 weeks before the finals			
Tracy Lynn	-2 more days for a total of 6 or one for each progress report	-Extra day in beginning of June or end of May for Dept. meeting because WL is changing final assessment -Prep time instead of Dept. meeting ²		
Phil Huszar	-More intervention days	-2 Dept. meetings after March ³ because they have 2 Capacity Builders and no time to meet.		
Aaron Pores	-Budget or prioritize the students' time -Keep it open and let them know that they must be there before the ending time.	-Dept. meeting on April and May to plan for September -One PD a month for his Dept.		
Spec Ed -Dr. Jones	-Same preference, more intervention days	-Fewer PD		
Steve Csakai			-Add 1 PLC 2 nd semester	

² Mr. Olivero said Prep time or catch-up time is supposed to be done after hours.

³ Mr. Olivero explained the reason for not having PD on April was due to preparation for AP testing.

Maureen Quessenberry	-Recommend to space out teachers' schedule of availability to students ⁴		-No PLC for their Dept., it didn't work out in their Dept.	-Their Dept. gave up a lot of Dept. time because they are in the middle of shifting to NGSS.
Delia Martin	-Encourage the 9 th and 10 th to budget time to lessen stress (20 minutes in Math, 20 minutes in Science). -Block schedule is helpful for lower grades. ⁵			

Mr. Olivero informed the group that there are 2 Intervention Days next month to prepare for AP testing.

Jason Quillin asked if there will be a Cluster PD.

Mr. Olivero answered that schedule a day for those department who needs to do Cluster PD like World Language so he can coordinate with Standley.

Jason Quillin mentioned that when they had lunch during 6 Period, they had more time to talk.

Mr. Olivero said they changed that due to liability. Students must be here for lunch. The Finals schedule will have 30-minute lunch in between 1st and 2nd this year.

Mr. Olivero shared the Principal's Forum group. He invited 25 students but only 12 came. They are social leaders on campus. The next meeting, they invited their friends. The third meeting, they invited students that they don't know. Some of the students who came were those invited the first time who didn't come.

- **Round Table**

Delia Martin said the Art Department will try to add a new mural in 200 building with the help of her 11 committed students.

Tracy Lynn commented about TED Talks video shown during the staff meeting was excellent choice. She is thinking about showing the video to her students.

- **Meeting adjourned:** 3:21 p.m.
- **Next meeting date and time:** 4/17/17 2:30 p.m.
Future date: 5/15/17
- **Minutes submitted by:** Lucy Alonzo

⁴ Mr. Olivero shared his idea of dividing the time so the teachers will know that another group will be coming or if there is not enough time extending it until 3:30 p.m. if teachers are willing. Please read A. Pores and D. Martin comment under Intervention Days.

⁵ Mr. Olivero commented that the Intervention days are not the only time the teachers are available. They are available during lunch and after school and he appreciates and thankful for their availability to lessen the stress from students before finals. P. Huszar said that it is helpful for students who have sports and band after school who missed the Intervention days because they have practice. D. Martin added that students don't stay after school because they don't want to miss the 2:30 p.m. bus. M. Quessenberry suggested that inform the coaches to cancel or schedule practice after Intervention Day.

