

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

University City High School

6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego CA 92122

Site Governance Team (SGT) Meeting

March 11, 2019 2:30pm

UCHS PCR

MINUTES

Members present:

| | UCHS Staff | | Parent Reps | | Student Reps |
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| X | Jeff Olivero, Principal (SGT) | X | Virginia De Sa (SGT) | X | Elaina Martin (SGT) |
| | Aaron Pores, Certificated (SGT) | X | Mark McPherson (SGT) | | Nick Van Daelen (SGT) |
| X | Donna Fallon, Certificated (SGT) | X | Meredith Kennedy (SGT) | | Brandon Sutton (SGT) |
| X | Elizabeth Frohoff, Certificated (SGT) | | Viki Beaton (SSC) | | Ari Weisman (SGT) |
| X | Maureen Quessenberry, Certificated (SGT) | | Jessica Martin (SSC) | | |
| X | Thomas Volle, Certificated (SGT) | | Donna Hoegler (SSC) | | Eden Tillotsen (SSC) |
| | Gail Hall, Certificated (SSC) | | | | |
| X | Marie Byrd, Classified (SGT) | | | | |
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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The SGT Meeting was called to order at 2:33pm by Elaina Martin. Principal Olivero seconded. Maureen Quessenberry motioned to approved the minutes from 2/11/19. Tom Volle seconded.

School Start Times

Mr. O shared the survey results with the group. A total of 1,560 responses were received - 270 parents, 1,236 students, 50 staff, and 3 parents/staff. As noted, most responses came from students and a majority were current sophomores and

freshmen. Nearly 200 were identified as bus riders which would account for approximately 95% of bussed students at the school. 51.3% are local students. 83% of survey takers indicated they are aware of the research on late start school times. 85% prefer an early start time. Staff responses were similar to students. Parent responses were more divided. 42% of staff indicated they participate in some type of afterschool activity.

Ranking preference: 1st choice for the majority of survey takers was to have an early school start and early-out Wednesdays. 2nd choice for the majority was to keep the current schedule (early school start with late start Wednesdays). Staff, parents, and bus riders ranked their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices as follows: 1st choice was for early school start with early-out Wednesday. 2nd choice 8:00am school start time with early-out Wednesdays. 3rd choice 8:30am school start time with early out Wednesdays.

Nearly half of student bus riders participate in afterschool activities and sports. Most want sports & activities to start at 2:30pm.

A member who attended a recent school district meeting regarding healthy school start times was told that late start times are set to happen beginning in 2020. She suggested keeping the current schedule with late start Wednesdays. The member was of the opinion that the goal at hand should be to solve the issues surrounding the transition to a late school start, rather than discussing the pros and cons of different start times.

A member brought up the issue of more tardies occurring due to the late start Wednesdays. She and others believe there are more tardies on Wednesdays compared to last year, resulting in students' inability to attend dances.

Mr. O pointed out the survey results show that the majority favor an early school start schedule. Reviewing the data from the most recent survey shows that there is some interest in a staggered schedule; however, the majority still favors the early start. The last survey showed similar findings.

There was more discussion about keeping the current schedule (early start days with late start Wednesdays) or switching back to the original schedule (early start days with early-out Wednesdays).

Meredith Kennedy made a Motion to keep the current schedule for next school year (early start time and late start Wednesday). Virginia DeSa seconded. 3 were in favor. 6 opposed.

A proposal was then made to switch back to the old schedule (early start days with early-out Wednesdays). 7 were in favor. 2 opposed.

Based on this, SGT recommends to switch back to an early start day with early-out Wednesdays. The recommendation is for the 2019-20 school year only.

Dress Code Survey and Proposed Dress Code Policy

Elaina Martin handed out a copy of the proposed dress code policy. Mr. O asked if the proposed policy was sent out to stakeholders and Elaina replied yes. The following comments were made concerning the policy:

- There is an overuse of the word "should" throughout the policy.
- There were many questions surrounding the training portion of the policy. Is it necessary to include the part about training? Who will make sure that everyone is trained on the policy?
- How can we ensure staff will know how to enforce the policy?
- How will the dress code policy be enforced without risk of shaming the student?

- What would consequences be when there is a dress code violation?
- Can students be required to change out of inappropriate clothing? Can students be asked to turn clothing inside out if there is inappropriate graphics language?
- Would detention hours or referrals be an option as a consequence for dress code violations?
- Enforcement of the policy should be consistent with language contained in the student/parent handbook.
- The proposed policy is very lax so if a student violates the policy, there should be set consequences. Though the consequences are necessary, immediate consequences that could potentially shame a student should be discouraged.

Near the end of the discussion, Mr. Olivero stated that he appreciates the new language of the policy in part; however, he doesn't agree with the proposed policy overall, expressing that he feels the policy doesn't hold kids accountable or prepared for the real world.

Elaina Martin stated she would make some revisions to the proposed policy by adding specific language regarding enforcement and consequences.

Mrs. Quessenberry proposed to adopt the dress code with changes. Liz Frohoff seconded. 7 were in favor of the motion. 2 opposed.

Graduation Expenses

Mr. O informed the group that every year the school receives approximately \$8,600 from the District for graduation expenses. Caps and gowns cost \$7,900. Other related costs include chair rentals, security, and sound system expenses. Total costs average \$13,000. In order to pay for all costs, the school has had to transfer funds from other budgets. This year, Mr. O is suggesting to give each family 4 graduation tickets at no cost and then offer up to 6 additional tickets for purchase. Other schools are already doing this. What will we charge? A suggestion is to charge \$10 for each additional ticket (\$5 for students that qualify for free/reduced meals).

Round Table

Elaina Martin mentioned that at the next meeting, we'll continue the discussion of graduation tickets. We will also address bathroom passes and the issue of vaping/drugs/alcohol.

Adjournment

Donna Fallon motioned to end the meeting at 4:06pm. Liz Frohoff seconded.

Next Meeting Date

April 8, 2018. Per Mr. Olivero, the April 8th meeting will include both SSC and SGT.

Signed by :

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| SGT Chair : |  | Date : | 4/18/19 |
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| Principal : |  | Date : | 4/18/19 |
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Minutes prepared by : Marie Byrd