

# Northridge High School Community Council

## February Meeting Minutes

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 2:45pm in the NHS Conference Room

FINAL – Approved March 1, 2017

- Attending: Tracie Atkins, Cathy Bell, Stacey Howell, Brian Hunt, Corey Jenkins, Julie Jordan, Allen Miller, Tami Oliver, Tyler Poll, Debbie Rios, Tammy Schaelling, Mindi Smith, Steve Poll, Selena Campbell, Brittany Roberts and Jessica Bowen
- Not Attending: Mark Brown, Dawna Burton, Chrisi Call, Kristen Davidson, Angela Robins
- Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:50pm.
- Approval of December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes: Tammy Schaelling motioned to approve these and Stacey Howell seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Update on some of the Teacher grants proposals from last year  
BRITTANY ROBERTS, who teaches Chemistry with Stacey Howell, used her grant to purchase a laptop cart with 20 computers. These help with CANVAS and allow her classes to utilize the district resources better.  
SELENA CAMPBELL, our Media Specialist, has used her \$5,000 grant to purchase Makerspace Kits for the Library and necessary supplies for them. She passed out a sheet with photos of the different kits and a detailed list of what she's spent. While they are used and enjoyed, she said that usage of the kits has gone down a bit because of an increase in AP classes and heavy work load. She is encouraging more usage of these free kits that need to stay in the library. She's offered to train Student Government Officers to use the green screen and plans to collaborate with Cathy Bell who did train them.  
JESSICA BOWEN, an English Teacher, also used her grant to buy a laptop cart with 20 computers. The students use CANVAS and the resources there to improve their writing skills. These laptops are helping her more quickly assess her students.  
ALLEN MILLER, Technology Specialist, used a grant to buy 10 additional computers to add to a cart of 20 for teachers to borrow.

## Begin 2017/2018 SIP/School Land Trust Process

-Identify and Summarize Progress and Needs by collecting data and monitor Trust Land funds

### SIP Goals (recent & current)

- 1) ACT – Benchmarks 22-25%
- 2) Graduation Rate 92%
- 3) Quality Staffing – collaboration, check for understanding, teach teachers to be better
- 4) SAGE – increase writing subscores. Will the legislature keep this? Hoping it will go away because it's hard to make schoolwide goals with it. We probably won't include them in our goals for now.

### Things we look at:

ACT

Graduation Rate

Attendance

Tardies

Grade Distribution

SAGE

U's

Tutorial

GPA

AP (enrolled & passed)

CE

Scholarship \$

Discipline Referrals

Credit Deficiency

In the past, it seemed like the District told us what our goals should be and asked us to make our action plans. How will it go this year with a new District Administrator?

One goal Mr. Hunt definitely wants is to improve student outcomes on the ACT. He thinks that we currently don't commit enough time or \$ to this. ACT Prep is currently during the Juniors' Advisory class. They've discussed the lesson plan for this in Advisory & the NMSI Grant classes. This info needs to get to parents so they can encourage their children. More education needs to be offered to the students to help them understand the importance of their ACT scores and how to prepare for the exam.

Debbie Rios expressed concerns about our Math Program. She said that a lot of students are dropping out of Honors Math classes. She feels like there need to be more math tutoring offered. Tyler Poll said that our administration shares our concerns. He met with the Curriculum Principals in the District and they are all concerned also. This is actually a statewide problem that they are working on in a step by step manner. They do not want to lower the standards. Mr. Hunt's biggest concern is how are the teachers teaching? He wants all students to succeed.

Suggestions that were discussed to help the Math Program:

- 1) Allen Miller and Mrs. Harding are working on online videos that would help students. They are looking for a safe place to put these videos for students to watch.
- 2) Mr. Hunt suggested QR codes with quick tutorial videos.
- 3) Give students the opportunity to retake tests.
- 4) A new grading system that incorporates reassessing.
- 5) Weighted GPA's that give more weight to AP & CE classes.
- 6) Cathy Bell said that math resources are coming to the school website.

Chrisi Call was excused from the meeting, but passed along her concern about the high amount of F's at NHS. Base on standardized data our student learn as much as other kids in the county. Why do so many of our students fail? Is it cultural? Is it because our two feeder Jr Highs have the most F's? The answer cannot always be, "What can the teachers do?" The teachers are trying and are already overloaded in many ways.

Discussion points regarding the amount of F's:

- 1) Can we get an update of how our Americore Teachers are helping?
- 2) The number of F's and the percentage of F's are analyzed.
- 3) At what point are parents notified? Can we make parents more accountable?
- 4) Teachers & Counselors identify "at risk" students in a meeting every Thursday.
- 5) NHS is a great school! There are lots of concerns, but we have great students and are working diligently.

OTHER BUSINESS: Our school would like to start a Pantry that is stocked by parents and our community. Some other schools have one. It's a large project and we could use help from the PTSA with this.

- Allen Miller motioned to adjourn and Stacey Howell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.
- Next meeting will be in NHS Main Office Conf Room at 2:45pm on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

