

# Northridge High School Community Council

## November Meeting Minutes

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in the NHS Main Office Conference Room

FINAL – Approved December 7, 2016

- Attending: Cathy Bell, Mark Brown, Dawna Burton, Chrisi Call, Stacey Howell, Brian Hunt, Corey Jenkins, Julie Jordan, Tami Oliver, Debbie Rios, Tammy Schaelling, Mindi Smith, Natalie Gordon, Steve Poll and B.J. Lovell
- Not Attending: Tracie Atkins, Kristen Davidson, Allen Miller, Tyler Poll and Angela Robins
- Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:51pm.
- Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes: After adding some missing names of people that made and/or seconded motions in the last meeting, Tammy Schaelling motioned to approve these and Dawna Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Feedback on our Parent-Teacher conference format. How we can make it more effective for parents, teachers, and students? Mr. Hunt explained that the format of Parent-Teacher Conferences hasn't changed in many years, but the information now available to parents has changed dramatically. He would like to make Parent-Teacher Conferences more effective for our struggling students whose parents don't usually attend. Julie Jordan pointed out that Parent-Teacher Conferences are not just beneficial for the struggling student. She thinks it's good for the teacher of the non-struggling student to see that parents are invested and that it's wrong for the teachers to ask people to not come if all is well. Corey Jenkins asked if we are talking about fixing something that is not broken? Mr. Hunt's response was that, while the current format might work well for the non-struggling student, it is definitely broken for the struggling student. Mindi Smith wondered about offering an incentive to attend like extra credit? The response to this was that the incentive should affect the citizenship grade, not the academic grade. Stacey Howell suggested that the teachers' name be displayed in a more visible manner and that non-student translators be provided. A suggestion was made to make specific appointments for the parents of struggling students and coordinate them so that they can meet with all of the necessary teachers in one trip to the school. There are currently 1900 total students at NHS, but the number of at risk students would fluctuate depending on the definition used. Having volunteers walking around to guide parents on conference nights and registration days was suggested. We

were reminded that whatever changes and improvements are made, we are limited to four conference nights throughout the school year.

- Guest Speaker Natalie Gordon, Trust Land Specialist

SCC 101 Training – The information she gave can be found at [www.schoollandtrust.org](http://www.schoollandtrust.org). Once in that website, type Fall Training in the search bar. Click “continue reading” then click “Council Training Power Point” then scroll down for several other options on this screen. (It says 2015, but I couldn’t find it for 2016.) There is much more information on the website that could be helpful.

Amendment B – She explained that this amendment to the Utah State Constitution would be on the ballot November 8. She recommended a VOTE FOR because the changes would equate to more money available to current students and safeguard the funds to ensure that they are there for future students. (FYI this was approved 63.4% YES and 36.6% NO.)

Utah Trust Land areas of responsibility: 1) Oversee the land management for the School Land Trust. 2) Oversee the fund management for the School Land Trust. 3) Train School Community Councils and help the program run correctly.

- Suggestions or topics of concern or interest for next meeting: 1) Progress Report on last year’s plan. 2) Can we see data on how many F grades there are at mid-term vs. end of term? 3) What volunteer needs does the school have? Could always use some volunteers during the tutorial classes.
- Stacey Howell motioned to adjourn and Dawna Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7 at 2:45pm in the NHS Main Office Conference Room.