

# UPPER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE MIGHTY COUGARS

## SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2024

### Attendance:

Administration: Mike Smith (Principal ULMS), Anna Sabalone (Dean of Students ULMS), Becky Toback (Dean of Students ULHS)

Students: LoLe (Grade 10)

Teachers: Paul Holt (ULHS), Maia Duncan (ULHS), Kathleen O'Rourke (ULHS), Megan Verstoppen (ULMS)

Classified Staff: Shelby Meri (ULHS)

Parent/Guardians: Tara Suzor, Ashley Dooley, Suzanne Feeley (ULMS). Shauna LaBrash (ULMS), Logan Barnett (ULMS) Jaclyn Ley (ULHS)

Not Present: BaPo (10), Annie Pivniska Petrie (Principal, ULHS).

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Dooley at 3:32 pm.

Everyone introduced themselves.

### Review Meeting Norms (AEIOU) (Ashley Dooley)

- a. **A**sk questions
- b. **E**ngage fully
- c. **I**ntegrate new information
- d. **O**pen your minds to diverse views
- e. **U**tilize what you learned

Ashley Dooley reviewed the norms.

### Review and Approve August Minutes

We reviewed the minutes. Ashley Dooley motioned to approve the minutes with correction to the spelling of Suzanne Feeley's name. Paul seconded. All approved.

### Public Input/Questions from Parents/Guardians

- Questions about Back to School Night: Megan reported about middle school back to school night and ready to learn at the middle school. Maia reported on the Back to School Night at the high school.
- Questions about Ready to Learn: Megan and Becky gave an update on ready to learn
- Discussed open positions on Site Council for parents and ensuring an open and fair election so that all parent voices are heard.

### State of the School High School

Staff provided the following updates:

- **Academics:** Becky shared out about dual enrollment classes ULHS outpacing many other districts in terms of the opportunities that students have for college credit. Becky shared that our graduation requirements align with a-g requirements. Maia shared about guiding seniors into college application season. Becky shared that the first grading period is over with eligibility to be determined based on these grades.
- **Activities:** Becky shared the homecoming prep information. Maia shared the permission slips are paper. Jaclyn shared that parents preferred digital permission slips. Homecoming dance a week from Saturday, tickets must be purchased online.
- **Arts:** Performance band playing at games which has been very positive.
- **Athletics:** Becky shared the attendance policy in conjunction with grades for academic eligibility and the success we have seen with student athletes taking a role in their attendance. Volleyball, soccer (girls/boys), football, and cheer are all in full swing. Logan shared that a fishing club has been started with hopes of traveling.

### State of the School Middle School

Staff shared the following updates:

- **Academics:** Megan shared out about ready to learn and the success and struggles that ULMS is going through, overall positive growth. Anna discussed ULMS attempting to get parent volunteers on campus. A third 6th grade class was opened to reduce class sizes.
- **Activities:** Megan shared about the various electives that students are taking at the middle school.
- **Arts:** Megan mentioned that yearbook and music classes are benefitting students on campus
- **Athletics:** Volleyball is in full swing

College and Career Readiness Presentation: Postponed to October meeting

### Close

Kathleen O'Rourke motioned to adjourn the meeting  
 Megan Verstopen seconded.  
 All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Kathleen O'Rourke*