



**NORTHGATE**

**DRAFT Minutes  
PFC General Meeting  
February 16, 2017  
5:30 pm, Library**

**Present:** Joanna Sibley, Lisa Lamm, Holly Hewes, Monica Zorman, Julie Stokol, Joyce Kim, Linda Graham, Kim Harris, Dee Dee Blankley, Tricia Zucker, Sonika Soliman, Karen Jenkins, Dee Dee Blankley, Ben Campopiano, Michael McAlister

**Meeting Called to order:** 5:30 pm

January Minutes-- Motion: It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the January 2017 minutes with amendments: correction to 146 from 246 classrooms, two addendums to committee reports.

**Care Team Update:** Ben Campopiano. Team is made up of the 3 academic counselors, the 2 support counselors, the school nurse, the school psychologist, and Mr. Campopiano. Team meets every Monday to go through referrals of students who are struggling from teachers, parents and students. Referral progress is reviewed weekly. Concerned that Team may be missing students who need support, and trying to get referrals up in order to lower student stress. Going to do a student survey and try to increase awareness of Care Team services.

**Principal's Report:** Michael McAlister.

Staff—Working on making sure teachers dialog. Moving forward, will be using data to guide discussions. Teacher Google training on Monday was very successful. A group of teachers also went to the EdTech conference in San Diego and brought back many new ideas.

School Climate Survey— Requesting anonymous parent input to 2016-17 School Climate Survey to help with school site and MDUSD program planning (see handout "2016-17 School Climate Survey Information") Please go to survey and contribute your feedback by March 30:

URL: [surveys.wested.org/csps/P477ND?lang=eng](https://surveys.wested.org/csps/P477ND?lang=eng)  
access code: [EA76FZ](#)

**Facilities:** Have approval for new turf field, which will be a sand/rubber hybrid base. Useful life dependent on type of use. Wonders if youth football will survive given liability issues. Eight rows of bleachers will be coming to the pool deck. Overall site needs a second gym/multi-purpose space, as well as a field house with restrooms and a snack shack near the sports complex. Also looking to improve library and staff lounge areas as usable common space. Hopefully Northgate Pride and others can come on board with planning.

**WASC:** Accreditation committee will be visiting campus February 27-March 1. Sunday night will be a meet and greet with teachers, students, and parents.

**MDUSD Calendar**—Calendar for next year has first day of school on August 22, and finals ending before Winter Break. Second semester will have more days than first semester. Studies show that students do better academically when finals completed before break. Other local districts moving in same direction; MDUSD likely to eventually move first day of school earlier in the summer to even out semesters.

**Treasure's Report:** Joanna Sibley for Miriam Casco (see handout Profit & Loss Budget-vs-Actual, 2/7/17). On budget, no issues to report.

**Teacher Update:** Karen Jenkins. Group of teachers enjoyed EdTech training in San Diego and all teachers had useful on-site Google classroom training last Monday. Open House is February 23. Students will be involved in scheduling their classes for next year the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Once a schedule is built, students will receive a preliminary schedule in the Spring and will have a procedure for requesting changes. Hope to have another smooth start to school. Teachers are really enjoying their monthly Teacher Appreciation lunches.

### **New Business:**

**Language lab:** Foreign Language Department requested PFC assistance in bringing language lab back into operation.

**Motion:** Moved and Seconded to "Transfer \$10,000 from "Undesignated Carryover Funds" PFC budget line to "Technology" budget line, to be used to match \$10,000 in funding from the Foreign Language Department to invest to get the language lab operational again."

Lab was only working sporadically and now is not working at all. Is only lab in MDUSD, originally paid for by the PFC. The Department had a 41/42 AP pass rate last year, so is getting excellent results. The Department has saved \$10,000 in classroom donations to put toward upgrading, and are requesting that PFC match that amount. Rough estimate is that they can contract job and get lab running again in about 8 weeks.

Parents were concerned that not all foreign language students had access to the lab in the past. Mr. McAlister said the new French and German teachers are enthusiastic about the opportunity.

Motion Passed with no opposition, with the addendum that the Principal direct the Department to be sure that the lab is available to benefit all foreign language students.

### **Committee Reports:**

Spring for Education—DeeDee Blankley. Event will be April 29th at Shadelands with an adult carnival theme. Planning variety of carnival games, silent auction and fund-a-need (for the atrium renovation) with sit down dinner. Sponsorship opportunities will be available at several levels. Have contacted almost 200 people/businesses with donation requests and are getting good response. Please let her know if you have any contacts. Ticket sales will go live soon. Event benefits every student at Northgate.

Grad Night—Buy your tickets! Look for volunteer opportunities, to be available soon!

Site Council-- Julie Stokol—Students reported on Prom and Ball dates. Council reviewed and approved detailed 150-page Campus Safety Plan submitted by Mr. Campopiano. Be aware that the remind-text function is how the campus would notify parents in event of a campus emergency situation. Sign-up information is on the school website under "sign-up for Northgate text messages". WASC preparations are ongoing, and a group of educators from China will be visiting campus at the same time. An email will be coming out soon outlining updated campus morning drop-off procedures.

Vocal Music—Musical America coming up on March 2,3, 9,10,11. Tickets on sale at lunch or at the door.

PEAK—Kim Harris. Jack Urban Eats fundraiser raised well over \$3,000 in three hours. Many families, teachers, and administrators participated. Working on setting up fundraiser with Burger Lounge and prom event with Macys. Clarified that the PEAK organization has taken no official position on the NCAPS succession movement, nor has it made any financial contributions. Members of PEAK's board have personal positions on both sides of the issue.

The Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce will be holding a "life-hacks" seminar on resumes, interviews, and more on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Berean High School. Will try to get the information into the daily bulletin.

Parent Advisory Committee—Kim Harris. New MDUSD calendar adopted. Committee is receiving informational presentations on various issues. Just heard details of new Every Student Succeeds Act, which replaces No Child Left Behind. To clarify, none of our

MDUSD high schools were ever under corrective action, so no current transfers were based on improvement issues.

Walk-Through Registration—Joanna Sibley. Walk-through will be Monday and Tuesday, Aug 15 and 16. Freshman Orientation will be either August 16 or 17. First day of school will be Aug 22.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2017 at 7pm in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Chesnutt  
PFC Secretary, (with the assistance of Holly Hewes until 6:15pm)  
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