

Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
May 19, 2016 7:00 pm
Northgate High School Library
DRAFT Minutes

7:05 pm – Meeting called to order by President Alisa MacCormac.

Present: Alisa MacCormac, Lisa Lamm, Julie Chesnutt, Melissa Sunbury, Jackie Byrd, Tricia Zucker, Monica Zorman, Holly Hewes, JoAnn Moore, Katie Pierceall, Faye Mettler, Sally Anderson, Kanwal Sodhi, , Tamara Helfer, Carol Berger, Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Gina Burke, Julie Stokol, Lissa Biddle, Brian Lawrence, Michael McAlister

Minutes: Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the April minutes as amended. Motion Passed.

Principal's Report: Michael McAlister-- The school year is winding down. Very busy.

Budget—Requesting PFC funding for three class sections to allow some flexibility in puzzling together master schedule. Also has asked for \$15,000 increase in staff development to continue to support teachers and their professional growth.

Personnel--Beginning interview process for key staff and faculty members who are retiring, including Steve Chappel, Linda Clark, Monica Maddern, Lawrence Muilenburg, Pam Granno, and Andrea Marek. Each of these people is irreplaceable, yet he has to move forward and is using all resources to find someone new for each position. He will also be hiring a new French teacher and an additional Spanish teacher. He has hired 22 staff members since coming to Northgate and knows these decisions are critical to the strength of our programs.

Facilities—Has received positive feedback on new furniture and charging station for student lounge. Looking at whether additional soundproofing is possible in the walls between classrooms (walls that were installed in 1994 to bring open configuration walls all the way to ceiling are hollow).

Technology--Received HDMI cables that allow connection of TVs to computers. Flat screen TVs were purchased rather than pay for \$300 LCD projector lightbulbs which were being replaced almost annually, which he estimates will save \$60,000 over next five years. Private contract in place for WiFi, the first site in MDSUD to be upgraded. Hopefully will be installed in July. Several carts of chromebooks are ready to deploy. MDUSD is considering supporting access to the Gale Digital Collections database.

Academics—Northgate rankings improving on School Digger and US News and World Report, but wants to aim much higher. Why not top 10? Believes we have teacher and student talent to do it. Northgate has increased its AP offerings and faculty

continuing with "reform" process, planning at each grade level to respond to CA State standards. All teachers have developed curriculum maps, common subject areas have created common assessments, and teachers are working together to respond to the data they are generating. Next year's professional development time will be all about how to improve practice. There has been a 50% drop in disciplinary issues this school year.

WASC Accreditation: Several parents are still needed to serve on committees. Contact Vice Principal Fey.

Attendance Boundaries— As background, MDUSD Board considered (3/21), voted to change (4/25), then rescinded (5/9) changes to Northgate's attendance boundaries. The changes would have made Northgate the home school for all students in the former Clayton Valley High School attendance boundaries, who have not had an assigned home school since the high school became a county charter in 2011. Parents were concerned that decision was made with little study or community input. Responding to questions, Mr. McAlister said he was made aware by the district that the Board would be considering putting in place officially what was the defacto practice of approving all requests from those students to attend Northgate. He felt it would have been overstepping and premature at that time to alert community to possible changes, and didn't believe changes would result in additional enrollment. Brian Lawrence, the MDUSD Board member who originally supported the changes but, after receiving community feedback, moved and voted that the Board rescind them, said he had not realized that there would be so much concern, and had thought the changes were routine and would make planning more predictable. Several parents expressed Northgate facility capacity concerns with even the current enrollment (hallway crowding, restrooms, resorting to portables), and concerns that MDUSD would not provide and commit to a capacity number. Mr. Mc Alister has successfully limited transfer numbers in the past by "seats in classrooms", but with additional students added to official attendance boundaries, parents were concerned that with capacity limits, Clayton students would be bumping local neighborhood students and transfer students from other district schools. Mr. McAlister said that we are currently making our facility work by holding 13 "A" Period sections, but this is obviously not ideal and would like to have at least 6 additional classrooms to work well for current enrollment. The upside of issue is that attention now more focused on addressing and improving Northgate's facilities. It is not known when MDUSD Board will revisit issue.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lamm.

Current budget (see Handout Budget 2015-16 YTD 5/18/16): We are currently over budget by almost \$8,000 in Staff Development, which will be covered by the Principal's Fund. Gift cards have been purchased but payments not yet credited.

Audit—Cathy Escobar performed routine audit of PFC's 2014-15 books on May 8th and made several operational suggestions.

Budgetary Motions:

College & Career Secretary Position

Motion: It was moved and seconded to support the College and Career Secretary position at .475 FTE for the 2016-17 school year. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

Site Support Tech

Motion: It was moved and seconded to support the Site Support Tech II position at .70 FTE for the 2016-17 school year. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

Class Sections

Motion: It was moved and seconded to support .60 Class Sections (3 class sections @ .20) for the 2016-17 school year. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

Support Counselors

Motion: It was moved and seconded to support the Support Counselors as independent contractors up to \$54,500 for the 2016-17 school year in accordance with the 2016-17 PFC budget. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

Sports Medicine After School Program

Motion: It was moved and seconded to support the Sports Medicine after school intern program up to \$11,000 with an independent contractor to supervise the program for the 2016-17 school year. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

PFC 2016-17 Proposed Budget (see handout "Northgate PFC 2016-17 Proposed Budget")

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the Northgate PFC 2016-17 Proposed Budget as presented. Motion Passed. (Zero "no" votes)

Reports:

Spring for Education: Jackie Byrd. Fun event made \$13,676 with a few payments still to come! Committee discussing suggestions for next year and will be talking with the Athletic Boosters about potential for cooperation with Crab Feed. Thanks to the organizers!

Finals Fuel: JoAnn Moore. Donations and volunteers are beginning to come in. Please help out, as students appreciate this effort during stressful week.

