

Meeting Minutes: 2013-10-10

By [Emric Delton](#) on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 8:44pm

ATTENDANCE

Bill Sholler (Chair), Ted Griffiths (new Vice Chair), Deb Hefner (Treasurer), Laurie Larson (School board), Alan Stokes (Principal), Dave Dau (Asst Principal), Bryan Rudes (Robotics), Tatiana Nikolaev (Physics & Math), Zach & Olyvia (SBO) and voting members: Karl Dumas, Bryan Moore, Pam Schaneveldt, Julie, Griffiths and Emric Delton (Secretary)

VOTED IN TODAY

- Ted Griffiths as Vice Chair
- Deb Hefner as Treasurer (dhefner@dsdmail.net)
- Emric Delton as Secretary (emric.delton@gmail.com | 801-440-4988)

AROUND THE ROOM

ROBOTICS - Mr. Rudes

- >New equipment purchased for \$2,400 include Band Saw and Compressor but missing various components.
- >Fundraising dinner was very successful. The department raised \$8,000 between the sale of 15 tables and auction
- >Hoping to get 20 calculators for classroom
- >Will need VEX field to practice. Currently at disadvantage against competing schools (Davis High). Initial cost is of about \$1,500. Will need to add about \$250 per year for accessories
- >Looking to upgrade Adobe Photoshop. Will need to compare subscription vs. SW purchase for 30 stations.

PHYSICS & MATH - Tatiana

- >Opting against \$1,300 Physics/Math software subscription under evaluation, in favor of gen-3 iPad and \$5 app. Objective is to bring complicated concepts to life using multimedia applications.
- >TSA leadership conference taking place this Saturday. Will be taking 9 students.
- >Would like to purchase 5 calculators

SBO - Zach & Olyvia

- >Kudos to outstanding and dedicated faculty
- >Will need special effort to improve math & science scores. Looking into resources.
- >TSA: A lot more students than anticipated. Will follow up next month
- >First digital newspaper issue to come out shortly will include student stories.
- >Jr. Class Halloween dance will be on Oct-26 in Ogden.
- >Student leadership is planning to host 8 dances this year. Career Path (DATC fast track program) will be invited to participate. NUAMES leadership interested in long term partnership. Current Principal is on NUAMES board.

TREASURE – Deb

- >NUAMES will be waived facility rental surcharges on WSU campus and will have WSU department status in that respect – Welcome to the ‘family’.
- >Math Text books: Only \$4K out of the \$8K allocated were spent on books. Will need to allocate the rest

ADMINISTRATION - Alan

- >Congratulations to newly appointed officers and congratulations for NUAMES ranking 2nd on CRT ranking (without 96% pass rate Physics data) and for ranking 1st on State ranking.
- >Also great thanks to SBOs. They are great to work with and on top of things.
- >Current goal is to increase/improve student study habits. Study skills and habits do not seem to be as strong as in the past. Possibly due to expansion of student audience which may bring students that are not as prepared.
- >There is a noticeable loss of “College Prep School” mentality. Students don’t feel they need to be a 4.0 to go to NUAMES, which never was a requirement, however, they don’t realize they have to work like a 4.0 student.
- >SBOs suggested encouraging students to stay after school and take advantage of study rooms and library. This will cut down distractions from home-life and allow students to focus on their studies. Study groups so far have proven to be well received and effective.

SCHOOL BOARD – Laurie

- >Next board meeting: Oct-23rd at noon (D2-134)
- > State fund committee looking to spend \$10mil on math software for Jr. High schools. However, Laurie’s opinion is that funds will be much better served providing 1-on-1 mentoring of students by teachers, hiring more teachers, following NUAMES model.

VOTES & ALLOCATIONS

- >Physics & Math: Approving \$1,500 for iPad, App and 5 calculators
- >Robotics: Approving purchase of VEX field and 5 calculators. Also approved additional funds to total \$3,000. Will purchase missing Saw base and allocate remaining funds to robotics Fund.

Next meeting: Nov-14 at 5PM