

**NUAMES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Council Mtg Date: 12-08-2011

Location: NUAMES, Portable N12

Members Present:

Bill Sholler, Debbie Smith, Vinton Smith, Alan Stokes, Dave DAU, Bryian Rudes, Tatiana Nikolaev, Laurie Larson

Members Excused:

Brett Barson, Dale Olpin, Deb Hefner

SBO's Student Reps:

Kim Sholler

The meeting called to order by Bill Scholler at "time unrecorded"

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes (5 minutes allotted)

1. Minutes not available for review at this time.

2. Chair – Community Council

1. Review Agenda Items from Last Week
 - a. Robotics presentation - tabled until next week
 - b. Thanks to all members who brought in food for teacher appreciation lunch, next meeting discuss upcoming teacher appreciation lunch on March 2nd.
2. Review 2010/2011 final report
 - a. Copies distributed and members encouraged to review at their convenience.
 - b. New Council members not present tonight to see the breakdown of funds distributions so copies will be distributed at next meeting to those not in attendance today.

3. Council Reports

1. Student Body Officers Update
 - a. Nothing to Report - not in attendance
2. SCC Treasurer's report (Deb Hefner):
 - a. Reported by Dave Dow - No expenditures currently, balance shows 16,753.00 as of this meeting available for council use.
 - b. Bill Scholler inquired if the faculty had a chance to review items that teachers would

be interested in purchasing with Council funds.

- i. Tatiana Nicoli - calculators have been approved for purchase but have not been acquired yet, this is an expenditure that will be coming out of the existing balance. Tatiana will contact Holly about making that purchase in the next few days.
- ii. Brian Rudes - previous community council approved the purchase of “eye clickers” for many of the teachers for the purpose of students being able to take tests. There is interest by faculty members to purchase more sets using council funds, new equipment is more expensive than previously purchase units with an estimated cost at \$10,000.00. Units would be shared by teachers due to expense. Dave Dow made a suggestion of using iPads or inexpensive notebooks based on previous experience with using “u-tips”, a similar software to the one proposed. Every class could benefit due to the lower cost by having more units available. A tablet device would also give greater flexibility, especially as the school moves to the new facility. More flexible solutions would make more sense when integrating into Weber
- iii.
- iv. States IT strategy, especially since understanding of Weber States systems is not clear to NUAMES staff. Bill Scholler asked faculty to review the technology and research actual costs before a decision is made.
- v. Brian Rudes - Rebecca and Cory Bennett made suggestions to Brian Rudes concerning the purchase of “smart boards” that have projectors built in as opposed to the current units that project from a distance. The concern being the current systems block the image when the teacher is using it. Pricing for these new units was unclear so Brian will follow up on per unit cost. Tatiana suggested that faculty attend the CTE conference to review and assess the technology. Tatiana also has a personal unit that she has offered to donate to the school. Someone will need to mount it however.
- vi. Dave Dow - NUAMES has an aging fleet of laptops that will need to be replaced. Most are 4 years or older, processors are becoming inadequate for basic tasks. Weber States hardware vendor has been looked at, warranty of 3 years weighed favorably. Old laptops would be re-tasked within the school. Bill has asked that faculty review needs/costs and report back.

3. Administration Update (Alan Stokes):
 - a. Faculty is focusing on increasing ACT results over last year with emphasis on math.
 - b. School is moving into the new facility fall of 2013, based on Weber States insistence on construction completion. Weber state has been very accommodating by inviting NUAMES administration to planning meetings.
4. School Board Update (Gayle Stucki)
 - a. Board meeting has not taken place yet, Dale Olpin has promised to update the council on what the school board discusses at next meeting.

4. Around the Room/New Business to address:

1. Kim Scholler - What days will be added on to the schedule to make up for time lost due to recent inclement weather? Alan Stokes indicated December 20th would be full day and 21st will be a half day to meet state attendance requirements.
2. Tatiana Nicholi - No business
3. Brian Rudes - No business
4. Dave Dow - Had a meeting with Davis School district concerning Technology maintenance agreements in place with the district. In order to make the transition into the new building, NUAMES is making preparations to sunset those agreements in favor of handling technology maintenance in house. Davis School District is moving toward Microsoft Mail in the coming year, NUAMES does not wish to follow that path. NUAMES is currently In negotiations with XMission to host official email system with the domain of @nuames.com. Time line is estimated at a February 2012 start. Students will need to migrate away from Davis Mail by getting their own email addresses, with the school setting general limits on email names allowed to control sexually explicit or abusive address's. The second facet of the move would be to use Dropbox as online storage solution to eliminate physical media for students. the schools goal for this year to to move students to Utah States student system which is free for NUAMES to use as opposed to the approx. \$50,000.00 spent currently on the Davis School district system.
5. Alan Stokes - expressed regrets that Deborah Hefner could not be in attendance due to personal tragedy. Thanks to Laurie Garson for giving the "lunch with an engineer" presentation this month in her capacity as Mad Science owner. If anyone would like to be a part of this monthly presentation, please contact him.
6. Laurie Garson - No business
7. Vinton Smith - No business
8. Deborah Smith - Website update, where are we at with this? Current council members are still not listed. Alan Stokes requested information be resent to him by

Deborah Smith so updates could be made. Deborah also suggested the volunteer form she created be posted on the site as well for those willing to donate time to the school. Consensus is that a form in .PDF format available for download on the site would be a good move and convenient for parents to access and use. Brian Rudes suggested a PayPal account and link on the NUAMES site for parents to make monetary donations to the school.

9. Bill Scholler - No business

5. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm