

NUAMES COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Mtg Date: December 9, 2010
Location: NUAMES, Portable N12
Members Present: Alan Stokes, Gayle Stucki, Sam Sherman, Dale Olpin, Bill Sholler, Debbi Smith, Brian Rudes, Alex Bingham (Student Rep)
Members Excused: Deb Hefner, Elizabeth Stucki, Brendon Woodall, Tatiana Nikolaev,
Visitors: Neil Grose

The meeting called to order by Steve Lore at 5:07 PM.

1. **Meeting Minutes Approval:** November 2010 (Copy will be sent to all members).
Correction to Item 3, Administration Update: Should be McBride.

Motion approved.

2. Chair – Community Council

- a) Communication Plan between Parents & Council

Reviewed several items discussed last mtg. Agreed to send specific request thru NUAMES, send minutes out and solicit volunteer help via volunteer request form.

- b) Review Prototype Online Volunteer Form

Debbi Smith handed out draft Volunteer Form, which she developed after research and finding several example forms. The draft was developed using form fields, so users can fill in as much as they want. Instructions are for volunteers to fill out and e-mail (but recipient unknown at this time). Purpose of the form is to connect people with projects and find out who has what talents and time.

Suggested Improvements:

Provide limited list of available choices that need assistance (e.g. Capstone, Robotics, English Quest, Dance Chaperones, Tutoring, Luau, Teacher Appreciation, others). Potential volunteers might not know what is available. Volunteers should indicate when they generally might be available, using the weekly available table and placing an X in the applicable sections.

Change Association to NUAMES request from “Parent” to “Family of Student”, to allow other member of the family to participate.

Agreed to remove the agreement and signature part. Concern mentioned that it might scare someone off. Looking to pique people’s interest.

Policies are listed to ensure volunteers understand they need to abide by school policies. Agreed to not mention background check on the form to avoid “scaring off” potential volunteers. Will provide mentioned policies for volunteering for information only. For protection, we need to let people understand up-front that there is a policy to check in at the office and get visitor pass. This policy exists to ensure there is protection from unwanted visitors. Agreed to leave policy statement at the end of the form.

Suggested online input, but also have hardcopy available. If submitted electronically, could sort who is available for what event and what time. Can send out with report cards in middle of January. NUAMES will also send out midterm and end-of-term. Agreed to allow volunteers to fill out electronic form and e-mail to office, preferably to 1 or 2 people (e.g. volunteers@nuames.com, as primary and backup). A coordinator will be assigned to input data. Debbi Smith will setup spreadsheet for now to input. Council will work on long-term plan for possible database and online input.

What responsibility do we have for security? People may have perception that the information may be leaked. People who have privacy concerns can print, fill out and bring to the office. Will ask Professor McBride to review form if he has any concerns.

Debbi Smith will make these modifications available for final review at next Council Meeting.

c) Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Agreed on Thursday, December 16, 11:00 – 11:40 AM, in Portable N11. NUAMES could provide some financial assistance, up to \$500. Gayle Stucki will contact Deb Hefner to coordinate. NUAMES will purchase pies. Steve Lore may have source to donate bread bowls. Alan will send notice to teachers. Some students will be asked to help carry food to the teachers who aren't able to leave their classroom. Suggested having teacher appreciation lunches around February for parent-teacher conference.

3. Council Reports

- a) SCC Treasurer's report (Alan Stokes): Ordered more clicker sets than allocated, NUAMES covered the overage. Vernier materials have arrived. Calculators were ordered and have not yet arrived. Suggested to fix existing balances owned by WSU, which were damaged purposely by someone. Concern that we fix WSU balances and they get ruined again since they are not secured very well. Council expressed interest that NUAMES should purchase their own balances. Would need to check price to fix, versus buying new. Alan will check on pricing to fix. Would like to order one (1) telescope for astronomy class. Deseret Industries has a couple telescopes, \$35 & \$85. Debbi will check.

Nothing allocated to Math Improvement. Mr. Stokes recommended that nothing be done right now. NUAMES is currently doing benchmark exams, using existing State Exam resources. Can be tailored to NUAMES, but the data input and reporting is already facilitated through the State Exam process.

- b) Administration update (Alan Stokes): NUAMES sponsored "Job-alike" with English teachers from six early-college high-schools around the state. Shannon Butler from Weber State was guest speaker. Teachers got together and shared best practices, which provided good collaboration and contact. The next "Job alike" will be focused on Math, and be held December 15 at AMES. Will participate in different disciplines at each of the six schools. NUAMES would welcome teachers to come in and present to the Council.
- c) School Board Update (Gayle Stucki):

A vote was taken and passed at School Board meeting yesterday. Students will have a choice if they want to list class rank on college or scholarship applications, which takes effect immediately. Gayle made a lot of calls and research. If you don't list, forces colleges to look at more aspects of student experience. Superintendent Bowles spoke

to Gayle, who also is looking for Davis School District to weight grades. NUAMES School Board will now be looking at weighting grades. Students will have choice if they want to report class rank for applying for scholarships or admission, particularly if college requires it. Gayle feels like this is significant progress for our kids. A policy is under consideration for weighting grades to take affect for next year's seniors.

4. New Business:

Website needs some improvements. No awards listed on the NUAMES web page. Alan had requested that this was to be posted over a week ago. Some formatting problems with the faculty pictures were observed. It is suggested that Council Members talk to webmaster directly and describe what you are seeing in via their own web browser.

Need new photos for the teachers.

5. Motioned to adjourn: At 6:15 PM.

Next Community Council Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011