

Central Union High School
School Site Council

Minutes of October 1, 2013 in the CUHS Parent Center at 4:00pm

Present: Patricia Muro, Alicia Apodaca, Jose Ramirez, Tricia Petter, Gary Tamayo, Gaby Apaletegui-Bolin, Jose Landeros, Daniel Nieto, Ricardo Rios, Santino Givens, Steve Walker, Emma Jones, Dr. Budde

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Tricia Petter

Welcome

Student Activities

Daniel Nieto shared that he attended the Club Fair during lunch on Tuesday, the 24th. He has joined the Acadec Club and AVID Club. Ricardo Rios also discussed clubs he is part of. Santino Givens shared info about the band fundraisers (Spaghetti Dinner on 10/4 and current Christmas Wreath sale). He also shared information on the Psych Club that has started. Meeting was held on 10/1 after school; chairs were brought in from other classrooms (large turnout). Mrs. Petter shared upcoming activities: Wear Pink Wednesdays for Breast Cancer Awareness, spirit week and lunch activities for City Champs game at the end of the month, etc.

District's Mission, Vision, Goals

Dr. Budde shared that when one goes on vacation, there is a plan (where to go, what to see, what to do, etc.). The Board and District Admin were part of strategic planning meetings where they have formulated strategic goals, a mission statement, a vision, and core values. Ms. Jones shared a Powerpoint with what had been generated in those meetings (see trifold). After going through the PP, Ms. Jones asked if there were any comments, concerns, or questions. The District is looking for feedback on the direction of the District. Feedback can be shared on the District Website, emails to Lucy Hendry, and/or writing on the trifold and turning it in to the District. Mr. Walker shared that during the strategic meetings, there was much conversation about what was important. Easel papers were posted around the room for ideas. Then, ideas were condensed. More meetings of this type have been setup to speak with more staff members and parents to get feedback before the plan is approved.

Election of Officers

The following people were elected to officer positions:

- Chairperson – Ricardo Rios (unanimous approval)
- Vice-Chairperson – Santino Givens (unanimous approval)
- Secretary – Daniel Nieto (unanimous approval).

Title I Parent Night

This event was held on September 24th at 6 PM in the MPR. Attendance was slightly better than in past years, but there were still not enough. This night is filled with great information about programs and services available for students (we had between 50 and 60 parents). Input was gathered for better parent involvement/attendance at the event as well as other events that should be offered to parents. Items shared: personal calls for targeted students, email list utilized for messages, establish a Facebook page, have messages posted on website and/or Parent Portal, incentives for participants (Bell Game tickets or preferred parking was mentioned). Mr. Landeros suggested that anything we offer for parents this year be focused on parents with students in highly concentrated, at-risk classes (i.e. Algebra I, English Learners in English 10, etc.). He also suggested that the trainings be sustainable and consistent (they happen regularly, not just one shot/one time deals). Mrs. Bolin reiterated that parents need help in math in order to assist their students. Parents in the room stated that they did not get the mailer or receive the dialer for Title I Night (and both were sent out). We

need to check into this. It was suggested by Mr. Ramirez that a survey be sent out to parents to see what they would like to learn more about/need help with. Mrs. Apodaca stated that meetings for parents about Common Core would be beneficial. Mrs. Muro suggested that having on the spot translation would be beneficial too. Maybe new translation equipment should be purchased or we should have two meetings (one in English and one in Spanish).

Parent Communication/Involvement

The Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Policy were handed out and perused. Mrs. Muro questioned the need for the compact. Mrs. Petter stated that it was a state requirement. It was suggested that the compacts be kept by the first period teacher (perhaps passed out at Back to School Night) and reviewed periodically with students. Teachers in the room stated that they had not seen the document. Sharing it with teachers at a faculty meeting might be beneficial. Adding something about the Parent/Student Portal was discussed. Mrs. Petter will revise the document and bring back to the next meeting for approval. It was stated that the Parent Involvement Policy is not very user-friendly. It would be beneficial for it to be written in friendlier terms.

Program Improvement Status

The school has progressed in PI to Year 3. Information was shared by Mrs. Petter about the implications of being a Year 3 school. Last year, we worked with an outside agency, Public Works. They researched, asked questions, looked at data, etc. and made suggestions/recommendations for ways to improve. We looked at AYP and API data from last year and discussed results.

Single Plan for Student Achievement

Due to time constraints, and the fact that school data was discussed, this was tabled to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 5th, 4 PM, in the Parent Center