

Meeting Minutes

University High School Council

Date: 3/18/2025

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: HYBRID RUHS Library (East-side) or https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/88319514363

Attendance:

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Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	J. Apaez-Gutierrez	K. Messing		Wilson
	A. Ranjel	J. Ollanik		Ruiz
	J. Miller	R. Schmidt		Cota-Robles
	Staff	K. Meyers	C. Madrid	
				Citron
	Community Members	Amy Villagio		Szlemko
	J. Marchant	Bradford Hill		Rohrbach
	D. Guthrie	K. Balzer		
	D. Tellez			
Members				
	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
Members absent	Administration	Faculty L. Volkening	Students J. Tran	Parents Downer
	Administration			
	Administration		J. Tran	Downer
	Administration		J. Tran L. Terre	Downer Rohrbach
	Administration Staff		J. Tran L. Terre M. Didan	Downer Rohrbach
			J. Tran L. Terre M. Didan B. Chabra	Downer Rohrbach
	Staff		J. Tran L. Terre M. Didan B. Chabra D. Reuter	Downer Rohrbach
	Staff M. Palos		J. Tran L. Terre M. Didan B. Chabra D. Reuter B. Shupe	Downer Rohrbach



Minutes:

I. Call meeting to order

a. Chair calls meeting to order at 3:40pm.

II. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

a. Motion presented: to approve the meeting minutes from the last meetings with corrections to the spelling of Mr. Daniell's name.

a. Motioned By: Schmidt

b. Seconded By: Ollanik

b. Vote Type: Unanimous consent

a. Result: Passed

III. Approval of Agenda

a. Motion presented: to approve the agenda for the meeting

a. Motioned By: Schmidt

b. Seconded By: Messing

b. Vote Type: Unanimous consent

a. Result: Passed

IV. Call to the audience:

a. No Audience members present.

V. Action/ Discussion Items:

- a. Approval of \$1500 undesignated tax credit money to partially fund new RUHS track uniforms.
 - 1. Motioned By: Cota-Robles
 - 2. Seconded By: Ruiz
- b. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee has met and voted to approve.
 - 2. Citron- Has heard the uniforms were already purchased and distributed, can we still do this?
 - 3. Ollanik- Yes, it's an after the fact if that's the case. That staff person would be dinged by TUSD Finance, but we can approve the grant as is.
 - 4. Hill- Feels a little lost, missed last meeting wants to understand more.
 - 5. Guthrie- Discussion of booster and financial capabilities as such. Budget Committee was reached out to one day ago to notify them that there is \$11,000 in Track Booster account. Unsure why those funds cannot be used and maybe if the Budget



Subcommittee had known the result may have been different. Vote was based on incomplete information. Still would like more information before moving forward on this grant.

- 6. Marchant- Have we seen a quote for the uniforms?
- 7. Schmidt- No we have not.
- 8. Marchant-I would want to see that.
- 9. Ollanik- Is this urgent or can it be delayed until next meeting?
- 10. Schmidt- Requested date of funds was March 10, received it March 6 with request to get it on March agenda. Understands there was some discussion with Budget Subcommittee when they voted. If you feel you don't have enough information to vote yes now you can always vote no. Motion on table is to approve \$1500.
- 11. Cota-Robles- Letter indicated that while they have money, they have to purchase a lot of equipment as well. \$11,000 doesn't mean it's free money, we can't presume to know all the financial responsibilities.
- 12. Ranjel- Regarding a quote for the uniforms, Ranjel received and will forward from BSN Sports for jerseys is \$2217.41 for 116 jerseys. Covers male and female jerseys.
- 13. Citron- Message track parents got was that there were only 30-50 kids
- 14. Ranjel- Details breakdown of jerseys, it appears that they are full sets for years to come. LaVetter will also ask Rincon for some funding, can amend amount. The \$11000 is in a club account. Didn't receive report of specific equipment but club money will go to bottoms and other needs.
- 15. Citron- Thank you, apologies confusion about numbers was because there's need for both home and away jerseys. What does \$65 fee that families pay go to?
- 16. Ollanik- Goes to club account (\$11000).
- 17. Meyers- Jerseys will be used for multiple years, it may be accounting for bigger numbers of students participating in future. Do we know, what is the make up of Track and Field if we're paying \$1500, is Track 70% UHS?
- 18. Schmidt- Anecdotally, wouldn't be surprised but Miller may know.
- 19. Miller- Most distance runners are UHS kids, anecdotally, UHS has more students in the program.
- 20. Hill- Has Rincon approved their part?
- 21. Schmidt- Not yet, it will be on the agenda for April.
- 22. Ranjel- Appreciates being fiscally conservative and asking questions. But believes we should support the entire entity, regardless of percentages or order of approval. Happy to run a report if people want.
- 23. Citron- Agree with percentage relevance. Still has a question mark of where money is going, maybe it's because of the multiple channels but still feels unsure.



- 24. Guthrie-Looking at request, a reason given for requesting this funding from site council is there is a new coach who is being instructed on how to utilize other sources. It would be helpful to have overviews.
- 25. Ollanik- Teams must pay for their referees, umpires, and all facilitating and necessary professionals for their meets. Overhead costs are much higher for Track than other sports.
- 26. Guthrie- Wants to know more background information.
- 27. Ranjel- From LaVetter, uniforms have not been purchased yet.
- 28. Schmidt- Bring motion as it to vote.
- c. Vote Type: Voice Vote
 - 1. Result: Yes-17 No-1 Abstain-0
- b. Action Item Approval of \$1500 Undesignated Tax Credit Grant Request for UHS AP Testing fees
 - a. Report from Treasurer/Budget Subcommittee
 - b. Motion presented: to approve \$1500 Undesignated Tax Credit Grant Request for UHS AP Testing fees.
 - 1. Motioned By: Madrid
 - 2. Seconded By: Meyers
 - c. Discussion/Debate: None
 - d. Vote Type: Roll Call
 - 1. Result: Yes-18 No-0 Abstain-0
- c. Action Item- Approval of Undesignated Tax Credit Funding for 2025-2026 Extra-Curricular Stipends
 - a. Recap of last year's stipend approval amount-Schmidt
 - 1. We have approved about \$8k in the past, all go to competitive extra-curriculars. Recommends adding over minimum. We can always make amendments.
 - Motion presented (including amount not to exceed): To approve \$8500 for Extra-Curricular Stipends. AMENDED: THE SAME STIPENDS AS LAST YEAR TOTALLING \$8500
 - i. Motioned by: Hill
 - ii. Seconded: Guthrie
 - b. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. Ollanik- We get an x number of M&O stipend slots and everything outside of that doesn't get funded unless site does.
 - 2. Marchant- Is it set by district?
 - 3. Ollanik-Kind of, it gets hashed out with admin and district every year.
 - 4. Schmidt-Some are shared with Rincon, and some are individual to the sites. We don't get to choose.

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- 5. Marchant- Do other schools do it the same way?
- 6. Ollanik-Yes
- 7. Schmidt- Some do it out of designated tax credit. Some may have enough money to pay for their own stipend from within.
- 8. Guthrie- Amounts reported on for available funds are based on the prior year balance, the current year balance, and what is committed to these stipends from the previous year, until now thought it was \$11,000 committed to these stipends, but that means we have \$38,700 in Undesignated tax credits.
- 9. Ollanik-Would like to get feedback from the clubs receiving stipends to make sure they're being used.
- 10. Cota-Robles- The amount of undesignated tax credit donations keep falling and currently the stipends depend on us, so wants to make sure the long term expectation can be curbed.
- 11. Schmidt- Yes, that is a great point, would like to have this as discussion item in future
- c. Vote Type: Roll Call
 - 1. Result: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0
- d. Discussion Item Selection of Councilmembers for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - a. First meeting of the 2025-2026 School Council: May 13th, 2025
 - b. Please select representation (excluding those that cannot be selected until August) and send the new list of members to robert.schmidt@tusd1.org before April 21st, 2025

VI. Reports

- a. Principal's Report Ranjel
 - a. It is Tuesday, March 18th, all is well.
- b. Policy Review Committee Messing
 - a. Met last week, have made great progress. Will meet again on March 24 from 3:30pm-5:00pm. Final meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 but there are conflicts with many members and it will be rescheduled.
- c. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Guthrie
 - a. Meeting after this one to discuss stipends and grants. There's a little over \$30,000, looking forward to the future.
- d. Recruitment and Retention Apaez-Gutierrez
 - a. We are super excited about the New Penguin Celebration this Thursday 6-8pm! This will welcome the class of 2029, many of you are participating, thank you for that. Fine Arts will



perform with a FACES (Fine Arts, Clubs, Electives, Sports) Expo to showcase our awesome programming.

- e. Instructional Council Schmidt
 - a. All of our time has been spent looking at numbers for next year regarding students and FTE, great news shared last time was that the outgoing senior class is small and incoming class is going to be larger.
- f. UHS Foundation and Alumni Association Tellez
 - a. Foundation has started memorial scholarship for seniors graduating this spring 2 one time \$100 AMMENDED: \$3500 dollar awards to go out for students pursuing health medical. Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh Memorial Scholarship application: Will email out.
- g. UHS Parent Association Cota-Robles
 - a. Focused on organizing Grad Night, Autumn will be reaching out to advertise more widely. Will reach out to Government classes. Wanted to ask Apaez-Gutierrez about reduced price cost tickets. Haven't had anyone apply yet, wanted to ask if it has been distributed.
 - b. Apaez-Gutierrez- Yes, it has been distributed.
- h. UHS Student Council- Ollanik
 - a. Completed Town Halls week before break, spawning awesome conversation with them about facilities and attendance policy and tardy sweeps. Got great feedback about some of our teacher practices and increasing communication.
 - b. Prom is on the horizon! Gatsby Gala at La Paloma on April 19th. Tickets going on sale 3/31!
- VII. Agenda proposals for the next meeting on April 8th. May will be the first meeting for the 2025-2026 School Council.

VIII. Adjournment at 4:40pm

a. Motion presented: To adjourn meeting

a. Motioned By: Schmidtb. Seconded By: Ollanik

b. Vote Type: Unanimous Consent

a. Result: Passes