

Agenda

University High School Council

Date: 12/10/2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: HYBRID RUHS Library (East-side) or [UHS Zoom](#)

Attendance:

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

MINUTES:

I. Chair calls meeting to order at 3:36pm

II. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

- a. Daniels Motions to approve minutes from November 12, 2024
- b. Tran seconds
- c. Minutes pass by unanimous consent

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve Agenda from Madrid
- b. Terre seconds
- c. Agenda passes by unanimous consent

IV. Call to the audience

- a. No audience members address the council

V. Discussion/information items

a. Guided Discussion on stakeholder feelings about the 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

- i. Schmidt-This has come up at Rincon Site Council. The 2024-2025 Bell Schedule was changed late last school year to remove 5 minutes from the end of lunch, causing school to get out 5 minutes earlier at 3:05pm. It adds an additional minute to Wednesday classes but otherwise nothing else has changed. Principal Ranjel will begin discussion by summarizing survey sent to UHS staff regarding Bell Schedule.
 1. Ranjel-20 responses overall, was sent to entire UHS staff. 60% are not in favor in varying degrees, some strong feelings and some indifference. Main affect is students have less time to do things during lunch like club and teacher meetings, adults have less time to eat and use the restroom and prepare for class. All of that has been reported verbally already.
- ii. Schmidt opens floor for student comments.

1. Reuter-Free school lunch makes lines longer and it takes longer just to get food.
 2. Schmidt-Witnessed this in action with the opening of an additional lunch line.
 3. Tran-We cut out time at end of day, however those 5 minutes don't benefit us at the end of the school day due to traffic and after school events and logistics. The extra 5 minutes during lunch is just more valuable.
 4. Madrid-Can the 5 minutes be considered for implementation into passing periods?
- iii. Schmidt opens floor for parent comments.
1. Daniel-It sounds not that there's so many things to do, it's that they're trying to do too much in a lunch period*
 2. Cota-Robles- Wasn't this because of fights breaking out at the end of lunch?
 3. Schmidt-There were claims made regarding that, however the correlation does not necessarily equal causation in this trend in lower violence. It is being seen across TUSD as a whole.
 4. Miller- Conflict data hasn't seemed to correlate to lunch though it is overall lower.
 5. Cota Robles-No say on if the shorter period is benefiting anyone?
 6. Schmidt- Correct.
 7. Downer- Any data on if there are less free lunches given out because of capacity issues?
 8. Schmidt- Roll out was last spring, not a lot of data on that yet.
 9. Ranjel-Number of students who are partaking in school lunch has increased and it's become more popular. Lines are typically cleared 15 minutes into lunch and there is always food left over, there is only one semester of data so hard to say.
 10. Terre- Lines have run out of food before.
 11. Schmidt- Clarifies with Terre they are priority lunches, we have never run out of all lunches.

12. Reuter-Problem isn't availability of food. It's the time it takes to get it. 15 minutes into lunch period, plus walking to where you're going to eat is another 5 minutes. Students cut in line so even if you get there first or early, you wait a long time. Losing all that time when it's your only time of day to talk to your friends or take care of things is hard.
- iv. Schmidt-Wants to remind the council that students are the ones most impacted. Opens floor to faculty comments.
1. Meyers-Teachers have a lot going on at lunch like test retakes, recommendation interviews, organization of multiple classes, by the time you take care of all of that there's not time to decompress and eat. It causes mental stress when you don't know if you're going to be able to be feed yourself or be ready for your next class.
 2. Palos-We plan a lot of workshops during student lunch, this time really impacts how much our students and presenters get out of those events.
 3. Volkening-As a faculty member who does not keep their door open at lunch, by the time students are out, goes to restroom, heats up lunch, walks to friends room to eat, there's barely any time left.
 4. Ollanik-Not as big priority in necessity, but there is less time for staff interaction, makes it impossible to go across campus and meet with other teachers. So if you want to have lunch with coworkers it doesn't allow that organic campus culture to thrive.
 5. Messing- Student time is not the same for everyone and after school there are all kinds of things they may be doing, like going to work, going to practice, picking up siblings, lunch is the most equitable time to provide resources to students like workshops committee meetings, Finance, drop in advising because it is guaranteed in their day.
 6. Ollanik-To expand on those ideas, can see from the Student Council side that clubs have shifted to many more conference meetings and fewer lunch meetings, which is causing more competition across clubs. Limiting student ability to explore multiple interests.
 7. Szlemko-With the need for test corrections so high, it seems like it would disincentivize participation in clubs if they are also meeting during conference.

8. Carmen-Lunch allows students the opportunity to take care of school business during school hours
9. Daniels-What's the timeline for addressing this?
10. Schmidt-It is our understanding this was to reduce fights at lunch. That has happened -whether or not it's in correlation to this change. This discussion was to gather stake-holder comments, there have been none in support of the change.

VI. Reports

a. Principal's Report – Ranjel

- i. Last full week of school this week, panning traditional finals schedule.
 1. Monday/Tuesday regular conference/modular
 2. Wednesday/Thursday will be half days with modular
- ii. Best school year yet, looking forward to diving in in January

b. Policy Review Committee - Messing

- i. Meetings will begin in the New Year

c. Tax Credit & Budget Committee -Schmidt reads update from Guthrie

- i. Once we get expenditures out, stipends and grants \$35,000 in undesignated tax credit

d. Recruitment and Retention Messing

- i. Concluded Fall tours

e. Instructional Council

- i. Testing drop in procedure, admins, department chairs, CSP, and MTSS
- ii. Looking at D and F list to support our students

f. UHS Foundation and Alumni Association -Tellez

- i. November meeting update
 1. Reached out to reach out for donations. Ranjel was going to post to social media, if anyone would like to donate reach out to him at UHFAA.com
- ii. Schmidt thanks the alumni for the class set of sewing machines to the maker space

g. UHS Parent Association -Szlemko

- i. Looking to support the UHS adopt-a-family initiative
- ii. Gearing up to start a fundraiser to support their grants to teachers

iii. Grad Night planning will be up and running soon

h. UHS Student Council

i. Last spirit week

1. Monday-Winter white out
2. Tuesday-Maximum Coze Day
3. Wednesday-Peanuts
4. Thursday-Ugly Sweater

ii. December 18th P2P's Staff Vs. Student Dodgeball Game at 12:00pm

iii. December 19th UHS StuCo Winter Festival at 2:00pm

VII. No agenda proposals for the next meeting

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion from Tran
- b. Seconded from MacDonald
- c. Motion passes unanimously at 4:18pm