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Tucson High School Council

Meeting Date 1/08/2025 Meeting Location: Badger Room and Zoom Meeting ID: 88004525009

Members present	Noemi Jarillo (NJ), Heather Bates (HB), Noah Sensibar (NS), James Fennewald (JF), Sarah Tully (ST), Catherine Comstock (CC), Nydia Ybarra (NY), Aralin Cajas (AC), Susan Wahl (SW) Paisley Goffeney
Members absent	Arnold Montiel (AM), Virginia Haniman (VH)
Constituency group represented	Parent, Student, Certified, Classified, Community

I. Called to order at 5:15 by Heather Bates

II. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting

DISCUSSION NOTES	No change to minutes. SW motion to approve. ST second
CONCLUSIONS	Meeting minutes approved as is. One abstention
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student Report
DISCUSSION	SC planning big state conference for January 23 rd and 25 th . Finalizing details. Couple students are concerned about events with that occurred with two teachers and are wondering if administration will be releasing information about these teachers in the badger newsletter. In the past the administration has not shared information with parents and students. Students then speculate and generalize distrust.
CONCLUSIONS	Employers are not legally able to release personal or disciplinary information about employees. To do so is a violation of federal privacy laws.
ACTION ITEMS	•

None

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal Report
DISCUSSION	TUSD is not legally able to discuss personnel issues as it violates employee privacy laws. Employers can release employment status but nothing else. Just as student information is not allowed to be released. We also don't have any more information than what is released in the media. The district is not involved in arresting or charging anyone. We aren't involved in the investigation, so we don't have any information to share. The only information we would have is the information that is publicly available, and we generally find out when everyone else does. We understand everyone is curious, but we don't have any other information than what was on the news. We have a really busy month coming back. We have a couple days off. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the 24 th for the student council convention. This will be an asynchronous day for periods 2, 4, and 6. This is to accommodate the thousands of students who will be on campus from districts around the state. We're very proud of all the work student council has put into this event. We also have the 29 th of for the district's Professional Learning Day. We have the Tucson Expo on the 23 rd . This is a TUSD event at the community center. We will feature the expansion of our Badger Early College Academy. We are starting course selection. We have sent out information to help students make decisions about what they should take. The Monday after graduation will begin the bond project for the school upgrades. All the water and sewer lines will be updated. All power and water will be shut off for this project. Year-round employees will be sent to other sites to work. We will need to figure out what to do with fish, plants, and other sensitive classroom projects during that time. The renovations of the 16 classrooms in the V will also begin during that time. Sports team practices will be relocated. The renovation will continue into the fall. The construction teams have been working quickly at other sites. The district will be coming out and meeting with us to give us m
CONCLUSIONS	None
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

V. Discussion Items

ITEM TITLE	Student restrooms
DISCUSSION NOTES	(AC) At the last meeting, administration said they would try to have monitors at every open restroom, but the student council rep hasn't seen any. There are already plumbing problems, and there are long lines in the restroom. It took 30 minutes out of class to find a restroom(CC) Monitors stationed at open restrooms was only when we had rotating open restrooms. Now that all restrooms are open, we can't do that. There aren't enough monitors. We usually have about two monitors per building.

	We will try to be more proactive with notifying staff about which restrooms are closed. (RR) Asked about disposal boxes for vapes (CC) We have to see if the district would allow us to do this. Other schools have since this is a problem at most high schools. (AC) This is something that should be brought up during the call to the audience at school board meetings. (ST) Is the problem old plumbing or the metal of the vapes? (NS) Why are they throwing the vapes in the trash instead of the toilet? (CC) Both old plumbing and the volume of the vapes. Students are vaping in stalls and toss the vape in the toilet just like they used to cigarettes when they hear a radio. Vapes are highly addictive and are a major cause of suspensions. We've asked about cessation programs like what they used to have for cigarettes. Unfortunately, we have one health counselor for substance abuse assigned to our region, which includes the two largest high schools plus several middle schools. (ST) Maybe there could be programs offered during BPH. (CC) The vapes are packed with nicotine and cannabis. They are highly addictive. It is an addiction problem more than a discipline problem. (JF) Can we reduce discipline penalties if they agree to go to trainings? I think SAFE also offers prevention courses. (CC) We asked the district about this. We asked about special classes during BPH. They said we can't commit to an hour a weak because we
	suspensions. We've asked about cessation programs like what they used to
	substance abuse assigned to our region, which includes the two largest high
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	(JF) Can we reduce discipline penalties if they agree to go to trainings? I
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	during BPH. They said we can't commit to an hour a week because we don't have someone who can come every week.
	(NJ) Aren't there other health resources. The county health department used to come health into classes. Maybe the health department could come out with resources and information.
	(CC) The health classes do cover these, but students only take a half credit
	of health. I will bring these ideas to the discipline meeting. We do have money from the JUUL lawsuit.
RESOLUTION	

VI. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Principal hiring process.
DISCUSSION NOTES	The council move into executive session to review interview questions.
RESOLUTION	
The school council will write the questions in executive session after the January school council meeting.	

VII. Submission of items for next agenda.



ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	Email HB any items for next agenda.
RESOLUTION	

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 by Heather Bates

Submitted by

Site Council Facilitator

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