



The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science
Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept 10, 2024

Attending: Sue Johnson, Jessica Oyler, Dave Ferro, Michelle Beus, Lynnette Gilbert, Laurie Larsen, Becky Frost, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Mindy Nelson, Meghan Dunning, Kathrine Houghton, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Susan Johnson

ACTION ITEMS:

Approve Meeting Minutes: Sue Johnson

Motion to approve Minutes from June 18, 2024: Becky Frost. Second, Laurie Larson. All in favor.

TSSA Plan: Kelli Booth

Our goal is in line with our school improvement plan. NUAMES' TSSA Plan will decrease the student non-pass rate on statewide standardized assessments by 10% annually, while also maintaining growth rates on Utah Standardized testing. Our TSSA allocation amount for this school year is \$333,613.23. The allocation for additional school employees is 100%.

Motion to approve NUAMES TSSA Plan: Sue Johnson. Second, Dave Ferro. All in favor.

APPEL/LEA Specific Licenses: Steve Davis

We are required to bring before the Board, those teachers who don't have a professional license yet. These teachers are working through this process. Mr. Davis reviewed the criteria needed and where each teacher is in getting their teaching licenses. Some are working on practicums and others are working and are close to their certifications. APPEL can only certify you in one area. Some teachers have APPEL as well as LEA licenses. None are new teachers this year. They are pursuing their professional licenses. These teachers are Joel Kitamura, Jenny Waldrip, Hev Phoung, April Stout, Emily Coulam, Rebecca Miner, Staci Huffaker.

Motion to approve this process: Michelle Beus. Second, Sue Johnson. All in favor.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Notification of Survey: Kelli Booth

This is a new law. Anytime we survey a student, the parents need to be notified. We sent this out to legal guardians, parents and students. We survey students about their experience and the climate of the school. The state sets the questions, we do not. We followed the law. It went through legal counsel, and then went out.

Accreditation: Kelli Booth

Our first accreditation meeting will come on October 31st, and we are looking forward to the visit. We need a board member present, if any of you are available and willing to come.

Our second visit will be on April 9th. We are accredited now as a System, not just a School. We have been in this process for three years. We are not worried we are confident we will be accredited.

New Courses: Kelli Booth

NUAMES North is offering a CNA course. We have had a fun collaboration with the OTEC doing this CNA course. NUAMES Davis is offering a CE Drone course. Our Engineering teacher has brought the drone course from USU to this campus. We are dealing with the flight restrictions of being in the flight pattern of HAFB.

Report on the State of SY25/Systems Update: Kelli Booth

- ASPIRE: We are dealing with lots of change for us this year. The biggest change is that we changed our

student system and went to the state system. The Encore system didn't meet our needs.

- NUAMES CANVAS – Learning management system. We created a new NUAMES Canvas system. Prior to that, we were operating between WSU and Davis District. We now have our own canvas. Rebecca Stokes and Davin Lemke spent their summer working on getting this up and running for both campuses.
- RED APPLE FINANCIAL: We are no longer with Davis for financials and are working with Red Apple Finance. Each month the report will show budget expenses and where we are with revenue.
- CLOVER: We employ Clover as our school payment system.
- POWER SCHOOL: This is our system for sending out announcements such as snow day announcements as well as where parents get phone calls if their student is absent, etc.
- GMAIL: We have switched from dsdmail.net to weber.edu for our emails.
- SCHOOL MINT: This is the company we use for our lottery system.
- FROGTUMMY: This company maintains our website.
- UTREX: This is now managed by NUAMES and not by Davis District. This has been so liberating to be able to control on our own.

Enrollment: Kelli Booth

NUAMES North currently has 568 students. NUAMES Davis currently has 678 students. North is up 111 students from last year at this time and Davis is down 39 students compared to last year at this time. Having the ability to send out direct mailers makes a big difference.

Direct Status Switch to WSU: Kelli Booth

Jessica Oyler has been spearheading this. When our students go to WSU, it will be much easier for them to make a direct switch. This process streamlines the process/no paperwork for NUAMES Seniors. We want to thank MOU from Weber State for their sharing of student data. Jessica says they are excited to take steps to remove the barrier of the difficulty of enrolling.

Niche rankings: Mindy Nelson

We are excited to announce that we received the following rankings from NICHE for 2024 Best Schools for:

- #1 of 55 for "Best Places to Teach in Utah"
- #1 of 54 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in Utah"
- #1 of 47 for "Best School Districts in Utah"

We also received National Rankings for:

- #10 of 11,466 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in America"
- #39 of 10,932 for "Best School Districts in America"
- #218 of 11,822 for "Best Places to Teach in America".

CONGRATULATIONS NUAMES!

National Merit Semi-Finalists: Mindy Nelson

Taking the PSAT test gives students the opportunity to receive the National Merit Scholarship. It's amazing to even be nominated. We have one finalist at the North campus and 2 at the Davis campus! These semifinalists will most likely move to finalists. We had four last year at Davis and the year before that, NUAMES North had two as well. Students must take the PSAT test to qualify. This test is also a great preface to the ACT test.

Public Comment

Rin (Kathrine) Houghton: Kelli asked Rin to share her experience at NUAMES. She is the Senior Class Vice President. She heard about NUAMES because her sister was in the class of 2018. Rin has been interested in STEM since childhood. She is also very interested in early college. Majoring in computer science – she's on track to get her associate in computer science in April. Rin expressed how her NUAMES teachers are great! They have pushed her to achieve as much as she can. They all believe in her. There are so many people in her corner who want her to succeed. She feels lucky to live close to the NUAMES Davis to be there easily. She plans to finish her Bachelor Degree in Computer Science and be a Lawyer who specializes in computer science and Cyber Security. When asked if she could think of anything she would change, she said she would change nothing.

Next meeting Nov 12th at 10 am.

Motion to Adjourn this meeting: Sue Johnson. Second, Laurie Larsen. All in favor.