



The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

10:00 am – Meeting Via ZOOM and In-person, Noorda Building, WSU

November 8, 2022

Conducting: Sue Johnson – Board President

Attending: Sue Johnson, Lynnette Gilbert, Linda Carver, Dave Ferro, Fran Bradshaw, Lauri Larsen, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Brenda Casper, Mindy Nelson, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Sue Johnson

Action Item: Minutes Approval

Motion to approve Minutes from September 8, 2022: Linda Carver. Second, Dave Ferro. All in Favor.

NUAMES Non-Disclosure Policy – Final Approval

We discussed this at the last meeting and now we only need final approval. Kelli is happy with the state of our policies. They are almost all updated and approved.

Motion for final approval of this Policy: Fran Bradshaw. Second, Lynnette Gilbert. All in favor.

Library/Sensitive Materials Policy – New Policy/Draft

NUAMES does not currently have a Library/Sensitive Materials Policy, so we are adopting one that will work for our school. As we have no library, there is no library to manage; however, the State has asked that all schools submit their policy. Our Legal Counsel has this (attached) draft. They are going through it and we will list the books we have students read in the English classes as well. They are also making sure there is no pornographic material in our book lists that may come into question. We have never been questioned and have not had a problem. The books assigned for reading are the classics and very familiar books. We are doing this to be in compliance. Our CE classes will probably be exempt from this policy and obviously, universities shouldn't be part of this.

In the back of the Policy, there is a form that states if you have a vested interest in NUAMES or are a stakeholder in the school, you are eligible to make a complaint. This form states you have to be a vested stakeholder in NUAMES in order to make a complaint.

This was brought before our Community Council and we have asked for input from parents. We have not heard anything from the Council regarding this policy.

Motion to review legal counsel recommendations in our next NUAMES Board meeting: Lynnette Gilbert. Second, Lauri Larsen. All in favor.

School Report Card: Steve Davis

Steve reviewed the School Report Card. We are working with the State to find out why the numbers are not right. We earned more points than are shown, so why isn't our percentage higher? The State still hasn't gotten back with us. We did get an "A" grade. We would like to have our percentage corrected. The State's rubric shows every school getting an "A" down to 64%. This is why we insist to have our percentage corrected. We need our percentage corrected to show that we are #1. Everything in green is the highest in the state. We had the highest percent of growth of the lowest 25% of students. This was amazing during COVID.

	Student Population	Achvmt		Growth			Growth of Lowest 25%	ACT 100%	Grad Rate	Readiness	Letter Grade		
		ELA	Math	Scnc	ELA	Math	Scnc						
INTECH	(7-12) 199	79.3	82.9	75.7	72.6	86.2	77.1	85.2	100	98.9	98.9	A	86.4
NUAMES DAVIS	721	87.8	72.9	70.2	83.1	80.2	77.2	86.6	92	99.6	100	A	86.1
NUAMES District	1136	84.1	67.9	69.8	82.2	80.8	76.9	83.4	86.5	99.1	100	A	
UCAS	(9-12) 639	80.6	72.7	76	75.5	77.5	79.1	76.3	92.4	99.2	99.2	A	84.8
NUAMES NORTH	415	77.1	58.5	69	80.4	82.2	76.2	82.6	81	98.2	100	A	81.8
SUCCESS SUU	(9-12) 196	75.6	61.4	66.3	67.2	61.1	65.6	66.7	97	100	100	A	77.9
AMES	(9-12) 472	60	57.4	57.1	68.4	72.2	69.3	68.7	86.4	98.3	92	A	74.5

Overall Score	Student Population	Achvmt	Growth	ELL	Growth of Low	Post secondary	TOTAL	School Grade	
INTECH	(7-12) 199	44	44	0	21	73	182	A	86.4
NUAMES DAVIS	721	43	45	0	22	73	183	A	86.1
UCAS	(9-12) 639	43	43	13	19	73	191	A	84.9
NUAMES Dist	1136	43	44		20.5	73	179	A	85.5
NUAMES NORTH	415	38	45	0	21	70	174	A	83.5
SUCCESS	(9-12) 196	38	36		17	74		A	77.9
AMES	(9-12) 472	33	39	0	17	69	158	A	74.5
WIC	(9-12) 281	27	36		17	70	150	A	70.8
Farmington	2033	28	36		18	67	149	A	70.3
DAVIS	2114	29	34		15	66	144	A	68

Student Services Report: Dawn Winter

Even in the face of doing well, standardized-testing wise, our students are struggling to get the “A” grade. Our teachers are going back to pre-Covid expectations. Even in terms of just daily life, extended deadlines were made for anyone because of Covid. So now, we want to get back to the “pre-Covid NUAMES”. In order to do this, we are now implementing an after-school tutoring program. We have found that in Fall of 2018, only 5% of students were failing in a quarter. Currently, Fall of 2022, we have 19.5% failing sophomores.

We have not been able to get students to stay after school to catch up. Therefore, we are offering students help during lunch as well as after school. We are contacting parents also to let them know that their students aren’t passing. In NUAMES true fashion, we check grades at midterms, not just end-of-term. The first indication of 10th graders in need, is at the first midterm. We catch them at midterm and begin action.

Why are kids struggling? We are noticing kids don’t want to take anything hard. And we are finding that parents also don’t want to take on hard things. Initiating a task is hard. Sustainability with a task is a struggle. In the classroom, we want to work on this. The students seem to think they can work on tasks later and submit them on Canvas. The problem is that they just don’t submit the work that way. We are working more with Sophomores because by the time they are juniors and seniors, they understand the “NUAMES way” and are so much better.

Our goal is to make students accountable during class time. In class, they either need to submit work on Canvas or hand it in as they walk out the door. We are finding that students are not developing working memory – they have everything on their phones. We will have our teachers do after-school teaching/tutoring. We have presented this idea to our Community Council and they have approved \$10,000 for 300 hours of after-school work by teachers who are tutoring students. We always trying to set students up for success!

Sue mentioned, “We, as a Board, have no doubt that you will use all measures to rectify whatever is going on. We believe in NUAMES.”

NUAMES 2023 Lottery/Attrition: Brenda Casper

Every day applications are rolling in (especially since our NUAMES information night). We want to report that our marketing information is so much better and it has made a difference.

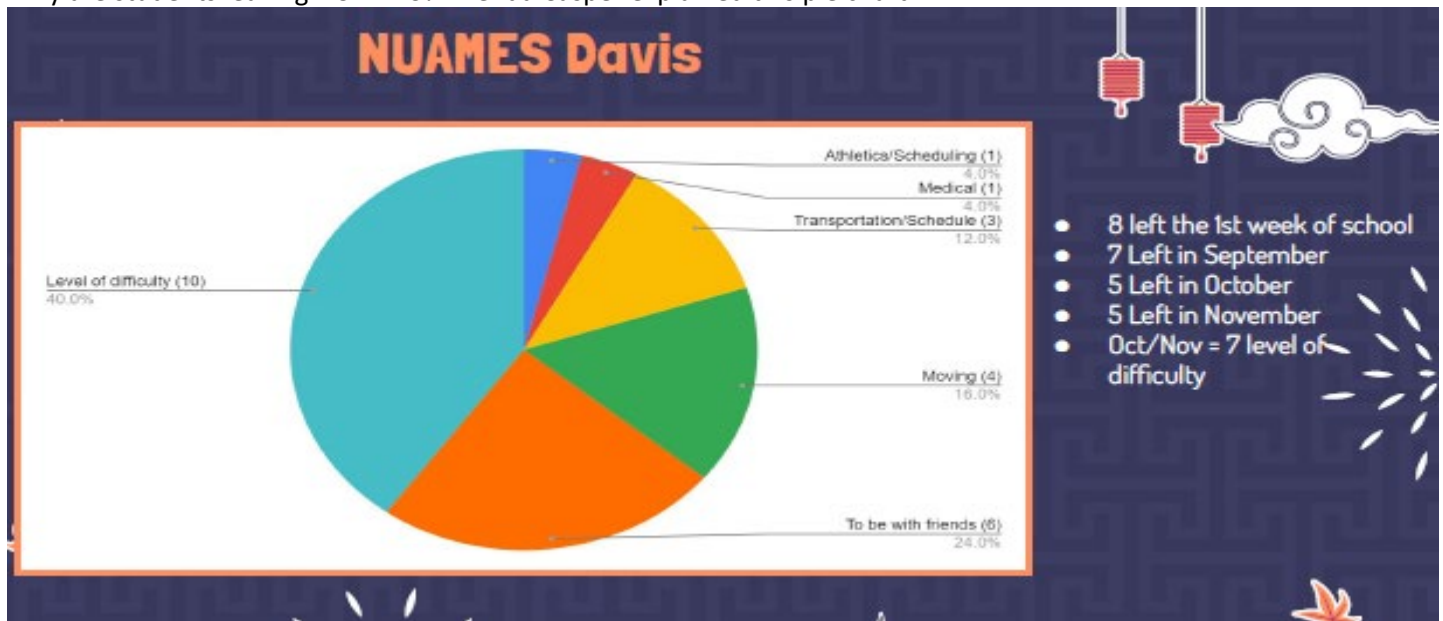
As of today, November 8th, this is how our numbers for next year look:

NUAMES Davis: 189 applications submitted

NUAMES North: 78 applications submitted

We have more students who have applied – but they are still getting their attachments uploaded and just haven't hit "submit" yet. We have about 90 applications that are siblings. This year we also mailed out a graphic organizer flier including a QR code that was very helpful.

Why are students leaving NUAMES? Brenda Casper explained this pie chart:



Of the most recent 10 drops, the level of difficulty was more than they wanted to do or were willing to do. We had conversations with all of these students. They didn't want as much homework or rigor. It's hard to hear, because we think they can be successful.

NUAMES Open Meeting Training:

Yearly, we are required to have our Open Meeting Training. The link was sent in the announcement of the board meeting. Nate logged in and took the test. Printed off his certificate. It took under 10 minutes. This must be done yearly and is required. Please take a moment to complete this training. Thank you.

Audits: Nate Taggart

We are working on several audits at this time.

- **The NUAMES Financial Audit** is almost finished. We paid the 2M previous to the fiscal year starting and the auditors want the two million, along with all purchased furnishings, etc. to be charged out of this year's budget. These charges still need to be reflected.
- **The NUAMES Certification and Licensing Audit.** We are 1 of 15 lucky schools selected to complete this.
- **Cyber Security Audit**
- **Educational Service Provider Audit**
- **Website Audit**

The Miss Parker Affect: Mindy Nelson

Mindy had a teacher in Elementary named Miss Parker and she shared how Miss Parker's influence had a lasting affect on her. Mindy explained how Miss Parker encouraged each of her students to achieve all they could in life.

Comments: Kelli Booth

Kelli informed the Board: "This administration has knocked it out of the park! We have had multiple night meetings, hope week, stem fair and information nights at both campuses. The coverage of NUAMES Administration showing up at night, has been phenomenal. These events are our sports! It's been a very busy month and have had wonderful attendance at these events." She expressed her gratitude and thanked the Board as well.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- January 10, 2023
- March 14, 2023
- May 9, 2023
- June 13, 2023

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to adjourn: Sue Johnston. Second: Lynnette Gilbert.