



**The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

10:00 am – Meeting Via ZOOM – November 10, 2021

Conducting: Sue Johnson – Board President

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

**Welcome:** Sue Johnson

**Action Item: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes - (Sue Johnson)**

**Motion to Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of September 13, 2021: Linda Carver. Second, Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.**

**Action Item: Charter Amendment for Online Program - (Kelli Booth)**

For schools to continue the online program after COVID, they need to sign an online amendment. This is a simple application we need to present to the Board in Salt Lake. We have to show that learning loss has not been significant and that we are not failing as a school. When approached USBE, they asked us if other schools could provide some of our CE courses to their students. Amendment for online program once COVID is over. We will present it to Salt Lake in January.

Lauri Larsen commented that this is only new because others are now doing this. We now have to amend it because it gets us out of the 990 hours. We can use student progress and student grades for attendance. From USBE standpoint, they want to make sure all programs are with fidelity. Even though they know NUAMES is, we still need to do this.

**Motion to approve: Lynnette Gilbert. Second: Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.**

**Action Item: LEA Specific Licenses - (Steve Davis)**

Every school who has an under-certified teacher has to ask board to get these teachers licensed. (Hev Phoung Jenny Waldrip at North). This needs board approval. The licensing department of USBE needs a vote from the Board. These teachers have three years to get certified. In the meantime, they can have LEA-specific licenses to teach only here at NUAMES.

For example, Jenny Waldrip needed two classes in two different curriculum areas. She is fully certified by Weber State to teach. It's just her teaching license she doesn't have yet.

Hev Phoung has taught for SLIC but now has to get approved to teacher here.

Linda Carver commented that it's interesting that they are teaching at a University, but still need licensing to teach at a high school.

**Motion to approve: Linda Carver. Second. Dave Ferro. All in favor.**

**Assessment Update - (Steve Davis)**

We didn't have the science numbers last board meeting. Steve reviewed the science numbers. NUAMES is doing very well. 95.7 students were tested. We will have further scores on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Covid Update - (Nate Taggart)**

Davis Campus: 3 confirmed cases

North Campus: 2 confirmed cases

We are finding we have a large number of our students who are immunized. It makes it so much easier when we do our contact tracing. We are sending fewer kids per case home in quarantine than we did last year. This allows their learning go continue. We appreciate all the help from parents by having kids vaccinated. To help deal with stress, our new FYE class helps. FYE teaches them to be set up for a successful NUAMES experience, adult life, etc. We are trying to shape their behavior. It's not that they don't have the academic ability, it's a lack of behaviors. We have also opened a testing center also. We are seeing all schools are dealing with a similar situation. It's hard to get students to "get started" and "apply themselves". COVID gave the outlook that health and safety was the most important thing. Now we are back to getting school the priority. Academically we have kept our foot on the gas with rigor. Kelli was the only person who had an academic concern regarding COVID." Sue Dixon said. With NUAMES, we have sailed through COVID and we are still worried about rigor, but most schools are worried that kids won't get out of bed and show up.

We have two interns working with our social worker this year. She has been given more capacity to give individual attention to students. We are holding a parent night. Questions from parents are "how do I get my students motivated?" We have also added the Friday intervention days. We have increased the intervention math classes and study classes. They have the support to get back into the groove of learning. We are interested to see the behavioral studies that will come out in the next few years. For NUAMES, we haven't seen learning lost. Our ACT scores went up. Graduation rate was 100% with extensive intervention efforts. Those with us through COVID, did fine. It was the 10th and 11th grade classes who were 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students when COVID hit.

#### **NUAMES/WSU Lease Agreement - (Nate Taggart)**

We have been working on this lease agreement for quite a while. We will finalize the lease soon. It has gone before the WSU lawyers and also gone through Heidi Alder as well as our own Michelle Beus. If you recall, we have approved 2.5 million to be put down on the building. Reflected in the lease is 2 million. The reason the other ½ million doesn't show is that they had already been working with the bonding company with 2 million. We will be able to put in the ½ million later. Soon we should have this finalized.

#### **Interact Club:**

We would like to reincorporate the Interact Club and need Board approval.

Interact is a Service Club with Rotary. The Rotary needs to have board approval. We have this club at the Davis campus.

**Motion to Approve: Sue Johnson. Second, Linda Carver. All in favor.**

#### **Building Update - (Kelli Booth)**

A rendering of the building was shown. We are excited to have our engineering and NUAMES students see what they are learning being applied to something from which they will benefit. They have watched this building from the ground up. Life is going on past COVID. We have toured our space with hard hats on.

#### **Capstone Updates/Changes – (Mindy Nelson)**

Mindy shared the NUAMES Capstone update that the Capstone committee has revised.

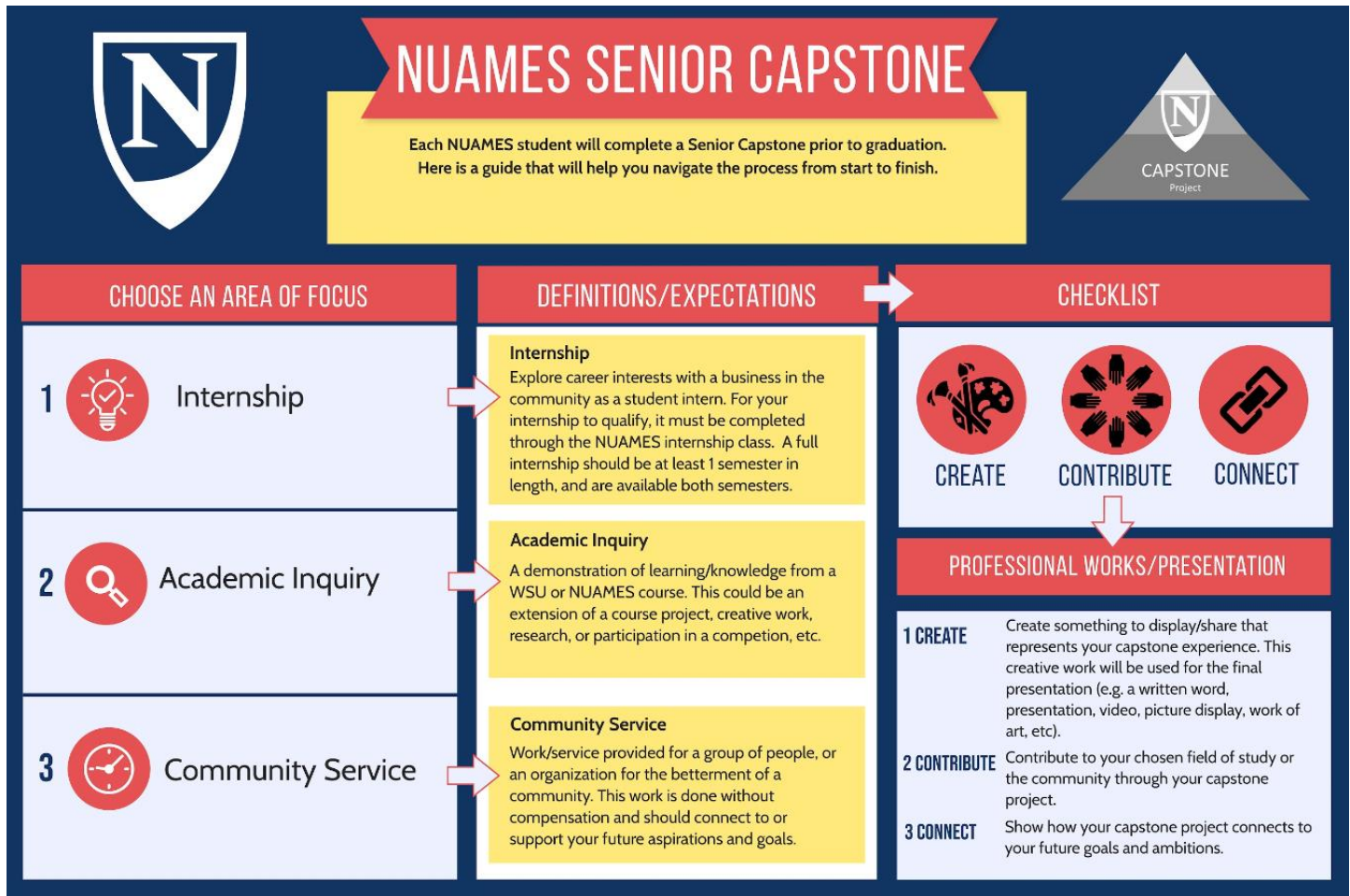
Chose area of focus:

- Internship
- Academic Inquiry
- Community Service

Once the student has chosen their area of focus:

- Show they created something – presentation, written or spoken
- Show it contributed to their chosen field of study
- Connect to their future goals or ambitions

Sophomores are getting a teacher mentor. This is the new face of capstone. The new committee has done a great job. Our capstones will be even more meaningful for students moving forward.



### Lottery Update – (Brenda Casper)

The lottery is on November 20. The numbers we have are as follows:

- DAVIS: 150 (234 seniors are what we have here – so this is the number we would like to add next year)
- NORTH 107 (115 Seniors)

We will have two more information nights scheduled in January. If we have open spots, it will be a first come first served basis. We have updated our lottery to give priority to Siblings and Military families.

### Administrator Comments – (Kelli Booth)

- We have scheduled faculty meeting to discuss race issues. We have not had issues on our campus, but it's good to talk about with the Davis District difficulties. Every teacher will give techs, tips, and tricks in 10 seconds. It's fun to be back to this stage where it's not all COVID.
- We are working with internships. So many good things are happening at NUAMES.
- STEM Expo. The Davis Conference Center hosted a STEM Expo. NUAMES had a booth. The number of booths was definitely down. We were busy the entire time. We talked to Jr. High kids and elementary kids. Michelle Christensen had her CPR dummies there with a video. Nic Moreno had his LEGOS there to show architecture with LEGOS.

- NICH.com, a school-ranking website published awards including data points. We have gotten a lot of accolades.
  - Safest School in the Nation out of 11,289 school districts - based off data points. It's a great privilege. They are sending the award. If it wasn't COVID, we would have a big celebration. It's telling to win that award as we are located on a college campus. To be able to provide that environment where our students mix with college students, this is quite amazing.
- Voted best teachers in Utah
- #1 Top School in Utah. Student outcomes and performance

There was a discussion regarding having all students graduate. One student actually graduated during a NORTH faculty meeting. Put on Cap and Gown, played music and this student was able to graduation in front of all faculty. NUAMES cares to carry on with students and still have them graduate until October 1<sup>st</sup>. It's wonderful to know that our work matters and that we make a difference.

We appreciate the Board so much knowing you let us run the school with care, relationships and quality teaching. This is true with any business – the best entities have teams that trust each other. We so appreciate our Board. Thank you for trusting us and allowing us to run NUAMES.

**Adjourn Meeting – (Sue Johnson)**

**Motion to adjourn: Linda Carver. Second, Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.**

**Next Meeting - January 11, 2022 at 10 am**