



The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

10:00 am – Meeting Via ZOOM – May 19, 2021

Conducting: Sue Johnson – Board President

Attending: Lynnette Gilbert, Linda Carver, Elizabeth Veillon, Fran Bradshaw, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Steve Davis, Dawn Winter, Brenda Casper, Mindy Nelson, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Lynnette Gilbert

Action Items:

- Approve Minutes from December 9, 2020
Motion to approve: Lynnette Gilbert. Second: Linda Carver. All in favor.

New Hires: Kelli Booth

- **Sherilyn Elliot** - Counselor NUAMES North
- **Andrea Mitchell** - Counselor NUAMES Davis (Mrs. Drake replacement)
- **Kylie Harris** - Mathematics teachers NUAMES North

Still Need:

- **CE FYE Teacher** - (Replace Mrs. Davis ACT Prep teacher)

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

School Climate Survey: Kelli Booth

- This is a survey which was mandated by legislature. Parents, students, faculty and administration had to take this survey. We didn't choose any of the wording on the survey. The results are amazing! This was sent through Qualtrics.
- One survey had 47 questions. The responses were all positive. Patrons of NUAMES feel valued, safe, and treated equably. Etc.
- We appreciated that all adults working at the school treat students respectfully. All feel safe at the school.
- Some questions reflected:
 - Adults at my school care about me.
 - Most of the time, I feel happy at this school. Strongly agree
 - Students respect one another
 - Students at this school get along with each other
 - If I am absent, there is a teacher or some other adult at school who will notice my absence
 - I feel like I belong at my school.

Adults answered:

- Students and adults listen to each other at school
- Staff get recognized for doing a good job
- Members of our school staff work to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students
- I feel like I belong and I feel safe
- People at this school care about me as a person
- Majority of the time while at work, I feel.... Grateful

Student Data:

- We felt there was no learning loss this year. In some things, they have overshot what we have done in years past. We have enjoyed reviewing student data. Teachers have decided to stick with ways they have dealt with students in the classroom. Teachers will keep some of these new methods and use them for upcoming years.

More Student Learning Data Points:

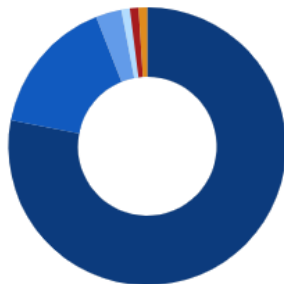
- CE Communication 2110: NUAMES average: 96%
- CE Nutrition 1020: NUAMES average 98%
- *WSU Department goal is 75%
- CE 1040: All students but 1 passed and earned their QL credit. Qtr 1: 86.96 Q3: 96.75 (highest average score)
- *These exams are written by the college departments and the same one's the college students take. These scores are incredible! All CE exams are written by the college. We don't write our own exams so our teachers cannot teach to the exams
- All NUAMES students will graduate this year

Diversity:

NUAMES NORTH:

- We have a 19% minority enrollment
- 46% Female and 54% Male

Student Diversity

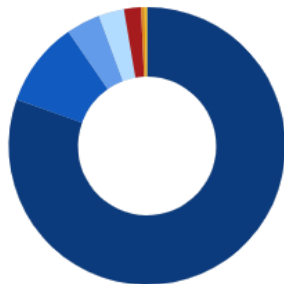


ETHNICITY/RACE	% OF TOTAL
White	78%
Hispanic	16%
Two or More Races	3%
Asian	1%
Black	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%

NUAMES DAVIS:

- We have a 22% minority enrollment
- 48% Female and 52% Male

Student Diversity



ETHNICITY/RACE	% OF TOTAL
White	81%
Hispanic	10%
Asian	4%
Two or More Races	3%
Black	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3%

COVID Update: Nate Taggart

SY21 COVID Data:

- **Positive Student Covid-19 Cases**
 - Davis Campus 75
 - North Campus 35
 - Total 110
- **Staff**
 - Davis Campus 7
 - North Campus 5
 - Total 12
- **Quarantined for Exposure**
 - Davis Campus 243
 - North Campus 123

There have only had 5 positive cases since April 1.

Last year at this time, we didn't know what school would look like. We knew we couldn't please everyone. We had hoped we could meet with our kids. We were able to provide. We were one of the few high schools that did not close for COVID. We are appreciative of the Board for supporting us. Appreciate Mindy, Sherene and Jennie. There was a lot of time and work that went into tracking COVID cases throughout the year.

Financials: Nate Taggart

- You were all sent the financials last week. We are doing great. We will have \$300,000 more revenue than expected; most in the form of CTE Money. We have more kids participating in CTE than half of the districts in Utah. We also get three times more funding than any other charter school because we require our students to take Engineering.
- Expenditures: We are doing well. We should end the year in a good situation.

Any questions:

- Lynnette asked: Where does the \$310,000 come from? This comes from Professional Services. We will have a deficit in that line item. We changed the way our expenses are shown.
- Lynnette also asked: On our rent, we show that we still have \$680,000 to pay. We will be short about \$100,000. On the North campus portables, we are paying 100% for each of those buildings. It has been ideal when we share with WSU here at the Davis campus, but at the North campus, we are required to pay the full amount on those portables. It's hard because we actually pay more for portables than we pay for shared space. Portables were needed to accommodate our growth. We wouldn't have needed so many portables if we didn't have to accommodate for COVID. We spread kids out as much as we could. At the start of the year, because of the requirements of WSU and the State, we had to accommodate for spacing.
- The Board expressed much appreciation to Nate for the great job he does with the financials.

Counselor Data Project: Dawn Winter

One of the state requirements is to have the Board approve our annual data project. Dawn showed an example of the goal:

- We want to increase the number of social emotional supports available to ALL students by 20% for the school year 2020. Our counselor started a Mindfulness Monday project. This was actually a Senior Project. These are legacy projects. She also provides classroom presentations. The project requires that you do components to meet the goals in all those areas. We will get back to having parent nights so parents can get information and services to support our goal.

Motion to approve the counselor Data Project: Linda Carver. Second, Kelli Booth. All in favor.

Student Services: Dawn Winter

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- We received a “2” in the supporting area which means they will continue to support us in our goals. Our SPED provides services in a wonderful way.

Special Education Policies

- This year, the state of Utah is required to have all schools update their policies for SPED. This is due October so we will present this in board meeting next October.

Food Pantry:

- Our Counselor has provided with grant money from Smiths and Walmart. She handed out 1500 lunches for both campuses. Also, Stephanie has provided food services for students where they can take some food home.

Graduation Rate:

- All students will get their diplomas. We have asked teachers to work with students personally. We don't have any students who haven't accomplished enough to meet graduation. Three years ago, we had a student's mother call to let us know she was dying. She said, “I need you to give me your word that my student will be taken care and that that my student will receive a NUAMES diploma”. The student had a lot of needs. The mom did pass away within two days. To see everyone rally around that student was heartwarming – for all three years he was here. He is getting a scholarship and continuing on to WSU. This is just one of the many stories. Now we are pushing them out into a world where they will succeed. We will have Seniors sitting there at graduation who have attempted to take their lives. We kept them at NUAMES – instead of having them leave because we know they will be taken care of here. We have waived fees because of special needs noticed by staff. Some of our students have really struggled financially. It has been a neat year of growth for many reasons.

Proposed new courses for 2022 school year: Dawn Winter

- WSU Math 1810
- CE FYE (First Year Experience) 1105
- IED (Introduction to Engineering) = 6 opt in Credits (NUAMES North)
- Material Science – strong science that impacts environment
- Digital Graphic Arts (NUAMES North)
- AP World History (NUAMES North)
- Reading essentials – similar to our Math Essentials program.

Assessment Updates: Steve Davis

- NUAMES North average ACT 22.8
- NUAMES Davis average ACT 25.4

These are amazing scores during a year in a pandemic. State average is 20. Thank you to the Board for going through those hard years so we can now be the beneficiaries.

- 131 have taken AP (Advanced Placement) Tests
- Aspire Testing: (Please see power point slides for data)
- NUAMES tested 95.6% of students – quite a bit higher than other schools.

Noorda Engineering Building Update: Steve Davis

We are so excited to be able to see the progress of the new building. Nate and Steve toured with WSU construction site. Some of the transitions is that the portables will all move by the Lind Lecture Hall. There will be other classes in the Wattis Business Building. We are excited about that.

NUAMES Lottery: Brenda Casper

NUAMES NORTH:

- Students accepted = 169
- Total applications = 209
- SY22 student Enrollment = 442

NUAMES DAVIS:

- Students Accepted = 291
- SY22 Student Enrollment = 780

School Year Recap/Highlights: Kelli Booth

- 329 graduates
- 6.3 million in scholarships
- \$19,148 in scholarships per graduate
- 25.7 ACT Score
- 2 students received scholarships at MIT this year
- Our Val got into Harvard and Stanford
- We have 9 students at BYU
- Others will attend SUU, Utah State, and Weber State.
- University of Utah is the #2 choice of our students.

Everyone starting into this year didn't ever think it would go this well!

- Brenda was awarded the "Resilience in Utah" award. Our of 180 administrators, Brenda was selected
- Our faculty has a huge sense of accomplishment. They should feel tired and exhausted
- Counselors did an exceptional job
- Teachers gave all they had
- Front office staff – gave a great customer service experience for our students and parents. They smile and show genuine care and concern
- We had two proms – NN and ND – so exciting for the students to have at least one dance this year
- All teachers had vaccines. After vaccinations, our level of worry went down. We never had a teacher give COVID to student or student to student in our school. KUDOS to Mindy, Sherene, Nate and Jennie for all they did checking and tracking COVID. It all comes down to trust. We are a team who trusts each other. Our goal was not to go into soft closure and to provide a meaning education for students.
- We feel good about the split between NUAMES Davis and NUAMES North. Both schools have a unique culture. We still have group trainings with both campuses. There is still a lot of collaboration between both campuses with teachers/faculty, but student activities have been separated. Even planning graduation, the North has grown to the level to stand on its own

Graduation Information: Kelli Booth

Face coverings are still required at graduation because of the mass gathering, even though the mask mandate has been lifted everywhere else.

NUAMES NORTH: 10:00 AM - Lunch Served 11:00 AM -12:30 PM. Guests include Brittney Cummings - Governor's Office

NUAMES DAVIS: 1:00 PM - Lunch Served 11:00 AM -12:30 PM. Special Guest: Syd Dickson - State Superintendent.

Robert Kahutek – USBE and Bret Ellis - WSU IT

Next Meeting – 10:00 am on Monday, June 28

Motion to Adjourn: Fran Bradshaw. **Second.** Linda Carver