

NUAMES Board Meeting - Minutes

July 20, 2020

10 am – Meeting via ZOOM

Conducting: Susan Johnson

Attending: Sue Johnson, Linda Carver, Elizabeth Veillon, Dave Ferro, Lynnette Gilbert, Michelle Beus, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Steve Davis, Dawn Winter, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Susan Johnson

Action Item: Approve meeting minutes June 29, 2020

Motion to approve meeting minutes from June 29, 2020, with noted change: Elizabeth Veillon. Second, Michelle Beus.

Action Item: Approve NUAMES Re-Opening Plan

- A template form was emailed to the State.
This template was sent out by USBO. They did a great job.
Our plan has followed what the state has asked. We have also coordinated with the Director of Public Safety at Weber State. We took into consideration, how the virus is spreading and we are trying to create the safest environment possible for students, staff, and faculty here at NUAMES.
- 7 characteristics – See attached

Decision Model for Safe and Healthy.... This was posted on NUAMES website, COVID folder with documents, fliers, and everything we are doing to keep students, teachers, safe – English and Spanish.

If the State mandates, we will shift into a stricter approach.

We don't have a detailed look as of now if a Student has COVID.

Our students will wear masks and maintain a 6 feet distance from one another.

Contact Tracing – We will have assigned seats for students.

Transition time – we have those times staggered – the start and release times are staggered. Students will each have to take two or more classes online. Less than 50 – 60% of our students will be online. If we had to transition into every other day online and every other day in person, we would be able to do this.

We approve and will conform with any new information and recommendations coming from the State – we would add in anything they require. There is still some communication lacking. Syd Dixon said they are working on keeping us informed.

Question:

What are the HIPPA requirements? We understand that under FERPA, you can disclose more info if it's an emergency situation – do we send out emails?

Answer: We will start out generically – “your student may have been exposed”, then call the Health Department for them to carry on.

Six feet exposed without a mask for more than 15 minutes. We'll see if we have real or false panic if even one person in a class is exposed. We will need to be flexible.

Principal Booth mentioned that we have to worry if a WSU student is tested positive and is around our students. WSU has been amazing to work with. We are opening a school with outside populations – WSU. We predict the learning growth rates will be up with the one on one instruction.

The ABC Schedule was discussed:

Our Friday schedule is: FRIDAY FOR STUDENTS NEEDING MORE. We will do anything the student needs.

Question:

Will there be a “town hall” where you discuss this year's changes with parents and students?

Answer:

We have Sophomore orientation August 8. Back to school for our juniors and seniors is on August 3. We will review our plan and show them the NUAMES way – bus passes, early college questions will be answered. This will be recorded and posted.

We sent a survey to students and parents so they were able to express what they wanted for school this year. Also, we asked them what worked and didn't work for students in the last three months of school. We have an amazing 87 students have requested solely online education. They were happy with the experience they had at the end of last year. Incoming sophomores will want to be more in person.

We sent out a survey to faculty as well.

It's important for students to be able to move from an online format to an in-person format as needed. This is a virus, so it is unpredictable. We are teaming with WSU to get videos and technology so students can see teaching in real time.

Question:

Parents/students/faculty that are all at risk: What s the plan with faculty?

Answer:

We have moved some classes to the larger rooms to accommodate for more distancing. If teachers are concerned, they can also teach “online” only.

Question:

Have there been any teachers who say they won't come back?

Answer:

No, teachers are excited to be back in the classroom actually. Teachers are NOT having a relaxing summer. They are busy changing their classes to an online format.

Question:

Will there be any exemptions regarding the wearing of face masks? What's the policy?

Answer:

The Governor changed the directive from face masks to face coverings. Face shields are not nearly as effective as face masks. We have a room they can go into, but it would be our recommendation that they be an online student. We have to think of comfort and safety and how the teacher feels. If student comes in and says, I won't wear a mask. It's my right to be here. The law supports the school in a pandemic. We do want to maintain a relationship between the school and student. If there is an emergency, we go with the directive of the school. The school can legally exclude the student. The period is as long as the Governor maintains it.

We will have masks available if they forget masks. We are also going to provide them with ONE mask with new NUAMES logo. We are looking for the human connection while using a face mask. Teachers look at facial expressions to show if they understand – or if students have questions. We will miss that human connection.

We have one student who reads lips – Dawn is working with the Mom of a deaf student we have coming to the school this Fall. Teachers, in larger classrooms, may wear a face shield. If they do individual instructions, however; they put on their mask.

Lunch: We will open classrooms for students to eat. The transition time is difficult for us to maintain. We have signage for hallways/stairs – assigned seating. High touch areas will be cleaned. We will keep doors open so the door and doorknobs will not be touched.

Question:

If you are sick, you still have to work? What happens if you get the common cold? Do you still teach – teach online?

Answer:

If the teacher is feeling up to teaching, they can teach online. This is something we are addressing. If a teacher has COVID, they will get 80 hours leave – CARES package. We are going

to ask all teachers not to come if they are sick. However, the Health Department has to verify they have COVID.

Some teachers would have to quarantine if a family member had COVID. Our tTeachers will be smart with who they are in contact with. This will be handled on a case by case basis.

PE will be fully online this next year. We will utilize those teachers to float if there is a teacher who calls in sick, we can use those teachers as substitutes.

Motion to approve NUAMES re-Opening Plan: Sue Johnson – with acknowledgement that information may yet be released by Health Department or Governor’s Office. Second, Dave Ferro. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Sue Johnson. Second, Elizabeth Veillon. All in favor.