

Innovation Tech HS School Council **Minutes (2023-2024)** Meeting

Date 2/6/2024 Meeting Location: Room 210 (ITHS)

Members present	Patricia Hurley, Rhonda Burnett, Linda Lyon, Lysa Nabours, Samuel Martin, Melissa Martinez
Members absent	Juan Rojas
Constituency group represented	Administration, Classified Staff, Parent, Certificated Staff

**I.** Called to order at 3:39 pm by Martinez

**II.** Approval of Minutes for 11/15/2024

DISCUSSION NOTES	N/A
CONCLUSIONS	N/A
ACTION ITEMS	
Hurley moved to approve, Burnett seconded, passed/approved	

**III.** Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	N/A
CONCLUSIONS	N/A
ACTION ITEMS	
N/A	

**IV.** Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Administration, Classified
DISCUSSION	<p>Principal Hurley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since November, we learned our school letter grade (B). We are 7 points from becoming an "A" graded school. Across all TUSD high schools, we are second in proficiency to UHS. New assessment of student growth will compare the Class of 2025's freshman year ACT Aspire scores with junior year ACT scores. Students who score "minimally proficient" give no points to our school grade. They must be at least "partially proficient" to contribute to our school grade. To that end, ELA and Math classes are focused on growth: consistent practice of skills on IXL. Similar to most students across the country, ELA scores are higher than Math scores.</li> <li>• ACT testing will be in April (2024)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December: we held our best-attended dance (Tangled theme); we had 4 seniors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>graduate EARLY; Mr. Jackson (Computer Science, College &amp; Career Investigations) retired and was replaced by Mr. Metcalf (who has brought a lot of energy and ideas to the class!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January: Mrs. Hurley and Mr. Proctor met with every senior who is credit deficient to make action plans; class assemblies were held to review school-wide expectations and preview new JTED course offerings for 2024-2025 (includes: daytime Business class, Pharmacy Tech for seniors, Intro to Construction and Intro to Culinary for freshmen); JTED Showcase was held 1/27, we manned a booth and led tours for prospective students;</li> <li>• February: 2/8/2024 Parent Conferences will be held in the Event Center from 6 pm – 8 pm (Open House style: first come, first served); Friday 2/9 is a half-day with dismissal at 11:55 am; Spring Course Registration begins the week of 2/2/2024; Honors English 10 will be replaced by a new class – AP Seminar – where students earn credit towards graduation and, possibly, college credits; AP Seminar is a project-based class. Typically, 88% of the students who take the exam earn college credits. Select juniors will also be eligible to take the class and earn an ELA credit.</li> <li>• Free Lunch: TUSD Governing Board approved free lunches for all students at its 87 schools; no application or forms needed.</li> <li>• 2024-2025 Enrollment/registration has begun: parents/families need to fill out the forms as soon as possible; quite simply, the number of enrolled students will determine the amount of funding we receive; we hope to fill our expanded campus with 300 more students!</li> <li>• Construction Update: a second-floor catwalk is under construction to connect the existing building with the new building; more solar panels will soon be erected in the parking lot and traffic flow will be updated (great job everyone with our current drop-off and pick-up pattern); expect a Parent Link soon with further information).</li> <li>• Building plumbing issue: on Wednesday 1/31, all first floor bathrooms were closed to address the problem and clean up; lab cultures are being checked to assure us of safety; the second floor bathrooms have remained open – all day – during this time.</li> </ul> <p>Linda Lyon, Officer Manager (Classified)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to Karen Gastelum, our new Attendance Tech.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Andrea Schlecht, our new Registrar.</li> <li>• We have about \$4,000 in unspent undesignated tax credit donations.</li> </ul>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Please register, as soon as possible, for the 2024-2025 school year.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
N/A	

## V. Action Items

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	National Honor Society: use funds (\$385) from undesignated tax credit donations to establish an ITHS chapter of the National Honor Society. The \$385 would go towards the annual chapter fees. If approved, we will complete a New Charter Application.
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martinez: establishing an NHS chapter would provide motivation to, and grant recognition of, excelling students. NHS is a nationally recognized honorary that provides students with the opportunity to complete service projects.</li> <li>• Nabours: disagrees with using undesignated tax credit funds to pay for NHS. Everywhere she's been, students have paid for the full amount of the charter through their membership fees.</li> <li>• Hurley: as a new school, we've had to pay for various things that existing schools have not.</li> <li>• Martin: He is personally willing to donate the full amount for the inaugural charter to get it started. Later, students can work to pay for the chapter fees. This could be a good thing for higher achieving students.</li> </ul>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
Approved: Burnett moved to approve, Hurley seconded; 4 votes in favor; 1 abstention.	

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Handheld Radios: use funds from undesignated tax credit donations to purchase 4 additional handheld radios (\$250 per radio, \$1000 total)
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hurley: with a second building opening next year, we will need more 2-way handheld radios.</li> <li>• Martin: when it comes to school safety, we can't overcommunicate. How about adding a marquee?</li> <li>• Hurley: we have a new marquee! It is located near the QT on Park Ave.</li> </ul>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
Approved: Nabours moved to approve, Martin seconded; unanimous approval	

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

## VI. Discussion/information items

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Prohibit the chewing of gum on campus
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nabours: appalled at gum ground into carpeting, gum all over the grounds, "OMG! There's even gum under this desk!"</li> <li>• Hurley: we will take it to the staff and include it with PBIS discussions; we may present it in a parent survey; if gum is not permitted, it becomes a discipline issue and subject to the code of conduct</li> <li>• Martin: classroom management issue/teacher level decision</li> <li>• Nabours: we should make it part of our school culture</li> </ul>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION WITH TEACHERS AND PARENTS	

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Hallway behaviors and tardies during passing period
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Burnett: extra vigilance has paid off, noticeable improvement in students getting to class on time over the last several days
<b>RESOLUTION N/A</b>	

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<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

## VII. Submission of items for next agenda.

- Martin: graduation
- Hurley: Senior class calendar dates

## VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm by all.