



Paradise Valley Unified School District
North Canyon High School
School Council

North Canyon held a School Council meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009 in the NCHS Administrative Conference Room. The following Council members were in attendance:

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| Carol Pollack, Administrator | Susan Transon, Classified Representative |
| Chris McHale, Teacher Representative | Brett Goshert, Parent Representative |
| Arthur Greenway, Administrative Guest Speaker | Shruti Shah, Historian and Student Representative for Adrienne Dong, Student Body President |

Unable to attend were Robert Black, Teacher Representative and Anne Bergersen, Parent Representative.

MSAN (Minority Student Achievement Network):

Arthur Greenway shared with the council a conference he participated with in Chicago along with approximately 175 students & chaperones (including students from North Canyon and Paradise Valley H.S.). The theme of this conference was Sankofa ~ Reflecting on the Past, Building a Decade of Minority Student Achievement. This new National Coalition Network in which North Canyon and our partner school Paradise Valley High School are now participants, includes 25 multi-racial school districts from all over the country. The students engage in discussions to study and bridge achievement gaps between minority and non-minority students, craft solutions and strategies and develop action plans to eliminate these barriers and gaps and to report these messages to their academic leaders within their schools and school districts. For more information on MSAN, visit their website at: <http://msan.wceruw.org/>

Some of the Action Plans discussed were:

- AP buddy: Promoting AP classes by encouraging friends to sign up for AP classes ~ to better represent demographics of North Canyon through AP classes.
- Learning/teaching confidence in being a minority in AP classes.
- High School students outreach to encourage AP/Honors classes at the elementary and middle school levels.
- Build teacher/student relationships.

Arthur Greenway will keep us informed of updates as the MSAN students present their on-going discussions and action plans to the district and governing board.

Student Government Update:

Ms. Pollack and the School council started out by saying a huge “thank you” to Student Government for all their efforts, enthusiasm and work within North Canyon.

Shruti updated us on the following Student Government sponsored events:

♣ Food Drive has begun with Student Government and Spanish Honor Society hosting with proceeds going to the Paradise Valley Food Bank. The drive ends on December 2nd with pick up on

December 4th. Food Drive boxes being designed now for classrooms. Susan Transon suggested that the Green Team assist in making these boxes for classrooms.

♠The Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, November 20th from 7:30am – 12:30pm in the small gym.

♠Student Government and North Canyon will be adopting a family again for the holidays. Students will be donating food & clothing to a family.

♠Sweet Tomatoes Military Packing Party ~ Students from North Canyon (Stugo/Key Club, etc.) will be attending the monthly military packing party held the last Wednesday of each month to assist in supporting our Military. Students from throughout Phoenix come to sort product, pack boxes and meet military families. Hours of packing are from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information, visit: <http://members.cox.net/militaryfamilysupportgroup/index.htm>

♠Canyon Caring Committee – is focusing on Community Service activities such as food drive, door decorating contest and adopt-a-family. Updates on these activities will be available at our next School Council Meeting.

♠January event – We Support Our Troops. More information to follow

♠North Canyon Homecoming was a great success with Carol Pollack investigating other schools within and outside of our district to get feedback on likes and dislikes with homecoming.

Student Absences/Attendance Incentive:

The district and state have requested that we be more specific on incoming “illness” calls specifying what type of illness (i.e. flu, fever, stomach, etc.) students are absent from. North Canyon is presently funded through ADM/membership, which has fewer criterions for absences. If we go to an ADA funding, there would be stricter guidelines. Carol Pollack shared some statistics on recent absences with absences being as high as 11% of total population.

The Attendance Incentive Policy was addressed with a concern brought up about students attending school when ill to make their attendance incentive goal. A reminder that the attendance incentive policy is a bonus incentive and we will survey this incentive for any changes we may need to make.

School Council Rubric:

A school council rubric was handed out to all council members for feedback. This rubric is general in nature and is intended for elementary, middle and high school councils. Thoughts about varying the rubric by grade level were addressed. Please bring any feedback/comments to the November 30th School Council meeting regarding the rubric.

Topics Item(s) for November 30th School Council Meeting:

Carol Pollack requested all School Council Members to email Carol Pollack, Susan Transon or Connie Lanese for any agenda items for our next School Council Meeting. Other topics for the November meeting include:

- Failing students from first quarter.
- Tutoring for struggling/failing students.
- Welcoming our new School Council Community Member, True Brew, a local small business, offering all high schools within the Paradise Valley school district beverages and snacks while on campus.
- R.S.V.P. (Reading Support – Voluntary Program) update.
- MYP Spring Visitation Update.

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The School Council Minutes may now be viewed on the left side of the North Canyon website homepage through the parent link:

<http://cmweb.pvschools.net/nchsweb/>

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 30th starting at 2:30pm in the Administrative Conference Room.

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Attachments