

Unionville High School – School Council Meeting

Date: Oct 25, 2021

Council Members: Anoosh, Dongmei, Felix, Gloria, Mimi, Priscilla, Lily, Nadine

UHS Staff

- Suelyn Cheong (Principal)
- Andrew Gazaneo VP (Students A-L)
- Patrick Belmonte (Students M-Z)
- Shama Sharma – staff representative
- Sara Falker – Head of History
- Ann Choi – Head of Student Success
- Shane Clodd – Head of Visual Arts
- Effie Kyriopoulos – Head of Office

Agenda

- Welcome 2021 -2022 School Council Executive
- Getting to Know Your Child!!
- USAC Report
- Staff Presentation by Ann Choi
- Staffing Updates
- Breakfast Program
- Fall into Arts
- Facility Updates - Portables, Prayer Room
- School Improvement Plan 2021
- Guidance Updates
- Upcoming Important Dates

Minutes:

- Parents were invited to ask questions using a separate Google Form.
- Land Acknowledgement was read.
- Introducing Staff Members (see above)
- Introducing the School Council Members

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Anoosh gave an overview and introduction of the school council's focus/mission.

Staff representatives: Shama Sharma, Amanda Boughtflower, Larry Beckwith, Zach Teitel, Nancy Wong.

- Invest in our students – fundraising to improve equipment. More information will be provided.

- Ms. Sharma – led an activity on Menti.com – to get input on “What is the one word/thought you would like us to know about your child?”
Anxious, shy, seem to be quite frequent.
- Mr. Belmonte – introduced updates on USAC.
Presentation by Ms. Sara Falkner, and Aaryan Adnan/Stephen Zhuang
 - Changes (still work in progress)
 - Non-hierarchical model for student council (i.e., not all leadership with senior class). Allows broader student input; greater equity and inclusion.
 - Shifting how student leadership is developed at UHS – role of stewardship and promotion of social justice.
 - Stephen discussed different clubs and diversity.
USAC committee carried over from last year for better continuity, and to complete many changes that are in progress.
 - Aaryan discussed the new Student Life website (for items such as future events, etc): <http://bit.ly/uhs2021> (student must be logged into gapps to access)
- Staff Presentation by Ann Choi, Shane Clodd, and UHS students
 - 2nd anthology (*A Snapshot in Time*) is now available – this is a platform for students to share their stories.
 - Sharing by Shanzay Kamran who was the main student driver behind the project who spoke about her experience.
 - A video was presented on this project.
 - Student sharing by other students who worked on/contributed to the anthology: Lois Chan, Mei-Huan Yu, Aieshaa Yvkunthan.
 - Mr. Clodd summarized the project – on the value and what it brought to the student community.
 - On the UHS student life page – there is a link there on how to purchase this book. It will also be published in the upcoming staff bulletin.
- New teachers introduction:
 - Matthew Mahoney (History)
 - Collin Tsang (Math)
 - Frances Tom (Visual Art/English)
- Mr. Belmonte: Breakfast Program at UHS – available in the cafeteria in the morning.
- Mr. Clodd on “Fall into Arts” – an outdoor art festival.
- Ms. Cheong

- Facility updates – 2 new portables (to relieve the pressure with using the library)
- 327 – is the designated prayer room. It will be open all day.
- School improvement plan – working with students, a collaboration between staff and students, USAC. This is an ongoing focus for UHS.
- Guidance Updates: important for those who are graduating this school year. They will receive an email on post-secondary applications.
- Upcoming Important dates
 - OSSLT – Nov 18 – Dec 1
 - Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD) – Nov 3 (a google form needs to be completed for the student); parent/guardian-teacher interviews on Nov 3 also
 - Grade 8 Info Night – Nov 9
 - ArtsU Info Night – Nov 10
 - PA Day – Nov 19.
- Upcoming School Council meeting
 - Mon Nov 29, 2021
 - Mon Jan 24, 2022
 - Mon Feb 28, 2022
 - Mon April 25, 2022