

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

High Quality Teaching & Learning	Equity & Access	Safe & Welcoming Schools
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Minutes - DRAFT 10/12/2020

Attending:

Principal: Wendy Stratton
Staff Reps: Kat Catalano, Jorge Chavez, Genavae Pierre Dixon, Tara Firenzi,
Kristina Granlund-Moyer, Marcus Jamison
Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Ethan Liang, Jazmin Rodrigo, Ethan Zhang
Parent Reps: Erica Agiewich, Bryna Chang, Anne Marie Hallada, Star Teachout, Althea Brown (alt)
Visitors: Ines Garcia, Xinmin Wang, Charlize Chu, Susan Hogben, Sonya Bradski, Alma
Rodriguez, Aking Liang, Peifang
Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 by co-chair Wendy Stratton.

Open Forum

There were no visitors to address the Site Council during Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the May 25th meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Groups reviewed site council training materials. Questions were asked regarding the slide that indicated site council is not a “grievance committee”; clarification was refined to indicate that parents are welcome to comment during open forum and this will be addressed as items relate to site council purview.

Wendy gave clarification on site council budget. Approximately \$23,000 are available in grant funds to implement programs for the whole student population, or for vulnerable groups. Site council reviewed process for site council grants (both staff and students are eligible to submit an application; students must have a staff member sign on to the proposal).

Specific requirements for spending of grants are not listed in bylaws. Kristina shared the intention is to spend grant funds within the next year.

Council discussed distribution of training materials. These will be posted to the site council website and Schoology.

Star shared a communication matrix

- Ethan Liang shared how communication is gathered from students. The SEC has added our three school goals to the quarterly feedback form; this is the primary way that feedback is

gathered. Suggestion to provide abbreviated minutes to students. Individual class councils meet as determined by grade level; student site council members can solicit feedback via this forum.

- Kat shared: Staff feedback is solicited via email, however, staff are also able to engage in this process via other WASC procedures.
- Wendy shared: Let's Talk! tool has been added to the school site; additional questions and options for the community are being added. Wendy suggested goals for site council be added to this list.

Bryna asked about agenda item regarding open forum protocols.

Tara indicated that bylaws need to be updated.

Bryna suggested implementing a subcommittee to update bylaws. These changes will be reviewed by the council and vote on them. (Including open forum protocols). Bryna Chang, Ethan Liang, and Tara Firenzi volunteered to do this.

Wendy shared the *School Site Councils as Champions of Equity* memorandum from Yolanda Conaway. Wendy suggested a subcommittee for this - Althea, Genavae, Star, Marcus, Kat.

Wendy shared that an equity training will be hosted on November 7th; Wendy has submitted a request for site council members to be available. More information will be shared pending approval.

Tara facilitated revision of preliminary SLNs findings for areas of growth([Chapter 3](#)).

Tara provided clarification regarding SLNs/SPSA/SLOs. Ideally SPSA and SLNs are closely aligned. SLOs are defined by the district and are approved by the board; these are the goal for what a student exiting our district should demonstrate. Conversations around SLOs and making them more inspiring are happening, but this is a work in progress. Reshaping of SLOs is not recommended during a WASC year.

LCAP is the document that provides the financial distribution of district goals oriented around SLOs.

Tara reminded us that SLNs should be targets that can be tracked with data, and should be centered around student learning. Avoid operational language where possible.

Site council members divided into groups to revise the SLNs.

Constituency Representatives' Reports:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Wendy Stratton: WASC Chair has been assigned. She has offered to review draft materials during the process. Upcoming Learning Forward conference: Wendy is investigating sending more staff this year to support high quality teaching & learning. Brave Spaces is a teacher-led equity group available for staff.

MTSS reports were reviewed - members contacted students on D/F list to collect additional data and increase involvement in helping support students.

PTSA REPORT by Kimberly Lee - Themes: Reaching Out to Families, Partnering with Schools. Efforts are aligned with site goals, as well as SPED inclusion. Funding available can address schoolwide programs and help support many of our site goals. Would like to establish a grant program for students as well. PTSA would like staff to know that their efforts are appreciated. At student request, Turkey feast has been postponed until everyone is able to participate in person. Nearly all executive board positions have been filled. Next general meeting is this Thursday. An additional PAUSD+ cohort is opening led by Kerstin Helbing to support EL students.

SEC/STUDENT REPORT by Arunim Agarwal - Action Shots Tournament, Hispanic Heritage Month, and upcoming Halloweek (spirit week as substitution for traditional homecoming week). Any event that SEC promotes is publicized both through Schoology and social media platforms; efforts are being made to more widely communicate these events.

STAFF REPORT by Kat Catalano & Genevae Dixon - No specific staff concerns reported. General concerns regarding safety to return to campus, redefining roles for classified staff.

PARENT REPORT by Bryna Chang - Parents were asked for feedback in alignment with three site goals. Parents think promotion of more academic center tutoring would help promote student efforts. Overall quality of instruction is good, but there is high variability. Concerns regarding SELF and Gunn Together have also arisen. Communication gaps still exist, particularly around Gunn Together time. There are concerns regarding use of social media to promote student events - not all students have access. Request to offer ASL course as a language option. **Safe & Welcoming Schools** - A large amount of concern regarding safe return; it is important we communicate these needs to the school board. Parents are concerned about the amount of screen time. Parents do not know how to escalate concerns when there is a lack of response from teachers.

PARKING LOT (items to be discussed at future meetings):

- Data Night Planning
- ELAC Presentation

SITE COUNCIL BUSINESS

Co-chairs will meet Oct. 20th at 4pm on Zoom to set the <next month's> agenda.

Next Site Council meeting is on <date> at 4:00pm in Staff Lounge.