

## **SMHS School Council Minutes 3/20/18**

### **Calendar**

3/21- SAT Testing

3/22- AZ Youth Survey, Gov Board Meeting recognizing Basketball Team

3/26- Misty Hyman Day!

3/28- Mr. Shadow 7pm

3/30- Recess

4/2-4/5- Az Merit ELA/Aims Testing

4/5- Empty Bowls at DAC 4-6pm, Gov Board Meeting

4/7- PTC Rummage Sale. March of Dimes Walk

4/10- Early Release for PLCs

4/11- Parent Principal Coffee

4/16- AzMerit Math, Next School Council Meeting

### **SAT Notification**

Mr. Appleman requested feedback on the effectiveness of SAT communication. Parents felt that there were many notifications, but the specificity of the information could have been more exact.

### **PSS Results**

We reviewed the Parent Satisfaction Survey results. The areas of focus were on effective academic communication and on meeting academic needs. It was reassuring that 92.3% of our students feel safe at school considering the current climate.

### **Detention Procedure**

Attendance is putting together a written document containing disciplinary procedures for students who miss/skip detention. Members were asked for input.

### **Prom Letter**

Each year Mr. Appleman sends out a letter to parents about Prom Safety. Mr. Appleman provided the letter to the Council for input and suggestions.

### **Walkout Procedure**

There was a student walkout on 3/5. Mr. Appleman relayed that while the parent response was mostly positive, some parents had concerns about the school not supporting the walkout enough, supporting the walkout too much, and the disruption to

the learning environment. The walkout was quick and peaceful with no kids leaving campus. Safety and maintaining a non-disruptive learning environment were the school's priority in this matter and will continue to be so if another one should occur on 4/20. Mr. Appleman asked for suggestions on how he could have handled the situation better.

### **MSAN and Equity**

Mr. Appleman discussed his recent trip to the MSAN conference. One of the important take-aways was that even schools that have seemingly infinite resources (ETHS) battle equity issues. There are things that schools can do to improve equity that don't necessarily cost a lot of money.