
Tamalpais High School Site Council Minutes
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, from 3:20 – 4:50 p.m. via zoom

Members in Attendance: Shana Katzman, Natalie Bitton, Joy Koo, Ben Cleaveland, Susan Malanche, Mary Krawczyk, J.C. Farr, Sylvia Mathews, Laura Keaton.

Guests in Attendance: Kaki McLachlan, Elaine Wilkinson

Call to Order: 3:20 pm by J.C. Farr

Introductions

Approval of the Agenda: Ben Cleaveland motions to approve the agenda. Elaine Wilkinson seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Public Comment (2 mins per guest):

- J.C. started the meeting outlining the duties and responsibilities of Site Council. He encouraged members to reach out to their groups for feedback, concerns and thoughts that they could share with the group.
- Elaine Wilkinson talked about THF fundraising. The last time we had a full year on campus was when this year's seniors were freshmen and as a result the Foundation is suffering from parents not being on campus. They are currently at 20% of parents donating. The Foundation has funded:
 - Wellness Center is now open 5 days/week
 - Bike cages (more students are riding bikes, less parents are having to drive students to school)
 - The Foundation has received many exciting and innovative requests for grants and they would like to fund as many as possible.
 - Signage for the renaming of Lower Keyser to Barrow Hall.

Updates and discussion

- We are in a WASC year and Kaki McLachlan shared a data document for the group to review and discuss. The group broke out into 2 breakout groups and looked at the data that was presented and had discussions about what assumptions were made about the data and how members interpreted the data.

Reports:

Teacher Report:

- **Ben Cleaveland:** Midsummer's Night Dream starts on Friday and goes through the 15th. It's been a very exciting process and all kids had to do to participate was to sign up

for the class. He also gave a shoutout to Peter Parish and all the great work he's doing in the Maker's Space and the community building he's doing.

Classified Report-

- **Laura Keaton & Sylvia Mathews:** Not much feedback from classified staff except there's a lot of talk around the new bell schedule.

Parent Report-

- **Natalie Bitton:** Natalie reported that she's been getting a lot of positive reports about AVID and parents are asking for additional information on the program.

She also asked about the possibility of having onsite Covid testing so students wouldn't have to miss school if they needed to be tested and were negative. Kaki jumped in with information that the County is finishing a pilot program at the elementary schools around this issue and that they hope that rapid tests will be sent home to every family. We do have some rapid tests on campus for students if the need arises.

- **Joy Koo:** Joy asked if any help was needed in reaching out to 10th grade parents regarding the tour next week. Currently the rsvp's are robust and we expect most parents in the initial group to be there.
- **Elaine Wilkinson:** Synergy was a big headache at the beginning of the year but it seems to be going better now. A big thank you to the front office staff as they helped many parents/students navigate the new program.

She has heard from many parents that they are grateful to Leadership for the rallies last week. Parents are happy to see school spirit coming back to Tam. Thank you Leadership!

Wrap up: J.C. ended the meeting telling the group that the new Tardy/Detention program will be in place starting next week. An automated report will be run and students with 3 tardies to 1 class or 5 tardies across the week will have to serve detention the following Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.