

**Palo Alto High School Site Council Agenda**  
**Monday, September 23, 2024**  
**4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
**Palo Alto High School**  
**Room Tower 29**

High-Quality Teaching & Learning || Equity & Access || Wellness & Safety

***Paly Norms***

- ***Full Engagement of All***
- ***Efficient Use of Time***
- ***Be Clear and Concise***
- ***Respect Self, Others, the Process, and Our Working Environment***

Start Time		Agenda Item
4:00 PM		Call to Order - Welcome New Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Called to order by B.Kline</li> </ul>
4:03 PM		Review and Approve April 22nd meeting minutes <a href="#">April 22, 2024 Minutes</a> 1st: Mary Ellen Bena 2nd: Lijing
4:05 PM		Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members of the community may address the Council on non-agenda items</li> <li>●</li> </ul> Jacob Kinsky - Sr at Paly - is present to ask the SSC to consider reopening the gym to the Student Body. In 2017, the weight room was open to all students; this year - it's not. * 1100 student signatures on petition to open to all students. * Weight room is currently for only student-athletes * Weight room provides a place/way to improve physical and mental health. Personal story - wrestler - lost. Got to his mental health. Able to turn to the weight room, happier with each work out/ getting stronger. * Weight room is a community. * Jacob will be on the soccer team in the Spring - not allowed to use the weight room because his coach cannot support off-season workouts.  Has spoken to J.Crane, L.Butler, Jerry, and Mr. Kline, and V.Rainey. - not received a clear explanation. Gunn's weight room is open to all. Jacob asks for 1 hour after school, 3 days a week.  Comment from Kathi who was Athletic Director when it opened. There was a stipend for someone to supervise. Jacob waiting for Public Info from DO, who was paid for it? How much?

		<p>B Kline: Current funding is for Coach for Athletic Conditioning Coach. Heard from Gunn admin - Gunn weight room is not open to all, and this is a similar situation at other high schools. Admin is concerned with unsupervised or untrained students in the weight room - liability concern. Other examples of facilities that are not open to all students. E.g. Swimming pool, Theatre.</p>
4:10 PM		<p>Kick-off items 2024-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Site Council Snacks/ Note Takers Sign-up</a></li> <li>● Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Liz Poux - Special Ed</li> <li>● Mary Ellen Bena - classified, Event and Activity Specialist (ACT/SAT/AP supervisor), part-time</li> <li>● Lijing Sun- 10th grader, 8th grader, 2nd Year</li> <li>● Valerie Rainey - PTSA President, also 11th, 10th grader - 1st Y</li> <li>● Tsolmon Khudulmur - 11th grader, 1st Year</li> <li>● Savannah Taylor - 11th grader, ASB</li> <li>● Cassidy Taylor - 10th grader, sub for</li> <li>● Raj Rajagopalan - 11th grader, Class '24 - 1st Year</li> <li>● Vani Hombal- 2nd Year - Kaavya 10th grader,</li> <li>● Sima Thomas - Librarian - 1st Y - AVID</li> <li>● Kathi Bowers - Math Teacher</li> <li>● Jen Fernandez -</li> <li>● Justin Cronin -</li> <li>● Ethan Edwards - Senior Senator, Class</li> <li>● Mira - 9th grade Senator, sub for Olivia Woo</li> <li>● Unknown parent -?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Absent: Sarah Gilmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elections Everybody is elected.</li> <li>● Other n/a</li> </ul>
4:20 PM		<p>Principal's Report Brent Kline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Site Council Overview</li> <li>● Site Council Goals for 2024-25</li> <li>● Review Paly's Vision &amp; Mission &amp; Values</li> </ul> <p>Worked on Paly Values (Learn. Connect. Respect). Safety Plan. Tower Learning Center (was known as Tutoring Center). Up to 50 Peer Tutors set up.</p>

		<p>School Site Council Training. We are a Basic Aid school district. What is the School Site Council? Is and Is Not lists - went through a slide deck.</p> <p>Q: Liz Poux - where do our recommendations/ suggestions go?. A from Brent: Goes back to Ed Council/ school leadership team.</p> <p>GOALS Reviewing Paly Plans. Vision and Mission are the same. A lot of focus on Learn. Connect. Respect - with focus on Connection. Partnership with PTSA and students/ ASB.</p>
<p>4:40 PM</p>		<p>Constituency Reports</p> <p>Students</p> <p>Savannah - for all ASB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Successful BTS rally in the Big Gym</li> <li>● Each class has their own theme. Selling colored T-shirts</li> <li>● Roost &amp; Roast fundraiser</li> <li>● BBQ on the Quad</li> <li>● Flag football tournament - during lunch at maybe the LAX field?</li> </ul> <p>Mira for Freshmen - Finding Nemo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Started Paly 2028</li> <li>● Selling T-shirt</li> <li>● Choreography, Float design</li> <li>● Getting approved for Fundraiser, Social (instant ramen)</li> </ul> <p>Cassidy for Sophomores - Firefighters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class dance with Paly dancers. T/Th practice</li> <li>● Supplies, for fire truck float</li> <li>● T-shirts out and ready for purchasing</li> <li>● Sophomore Ice Cream Social</li> <li>● Chipotle fundraiser on Sunday</li> </ul> <p>Ethan for Seniors - Monopoly/ Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finalized float design - one side Bank, the other side Monopoly</li> <li>● T-shirt available</li> <li>● Choreography,</li> </ul> <p>Savannah for Juniors - Wizard of Oz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussed design - flying monkeys?</li> <li>● T/Th Dance practice - LAX</li> <li>● Stanford parking fundraiser</li> <li>● Chipotle, O2?</li> <li>● Dodgeball, Class cheers</li> </ul> <p>PTSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strong BTS start (listed events). 75% of fundraising achieved - hopeful we will make our goal. Big event</li> </ul>

		<p>coming up will be Spirit Week - we provide volunteers and all of the food/ snacks while they build.</p> <p>Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lijing - Evidence based grading? - B.Kline - small subset of classes piloting</li> <li>• Raj - when are meetings? See calendar list below. 4pm in this room.</li> </ul> <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz - SD training, 1) good reading abilities happen in all subjects, 2) evidence-based grading, and 3) AI. Raj leads the team at Microsoft - B.Kline connect with Michelle Steingart . BK meeting with group at Stanford AI and in TLC. Raj offered tutoring in AI.</li> <li>• Mary Ellen Bena - October is a busy month. PSAT - Oct 9th. SAT - 150 Senior registered, more than last year. It's not available to outsiders. Raj mentioned it's difficult to get a slot. SAT will be offered in the Spring for Juniors - is the date set? Send out dedicated notice.</li> </ul>
5:00 PM		<p>Adjournment Adjourn 4:48pm</p>

**Upcoming Site Council Meetings:** 2024-25 meeting dates as follows: 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19