

SOT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 3:30PM



School Organizational Team Members

Ian Salzman (Principal)
Brian McClure (Teacher)
Jack Whitefoot (Teacher)
Bridget Wright (Teacher)
Caroline Hall (ESEA)
Rennica Gonsalves (Parent)
Helen Goodale (Parent)
Andrew Hardin (Parent)
Phil Mackey (Parent)
Brianna Baca (Student Representative)



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1.0 Welcome Members and Roll Call -

1.1 Member Introductions:

- a. Not present: Rennica Gonsalves & Andrew Hardin

1.2 Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. Caroline Hall motioned to approve. Bridget Wright seconded. Minutes approved.

2.0 New Items reviewed -

2.1 Projected New Courses 24-25

- a. We added a lot of new courses and new CTE programs last year. We are now adding courses to articulate those programs.
- b. We are also adding
 - i. double-block math courses
 - ii. Avid 10
 - 1. Will add AVID 11 & AVID 12 over the next two years.
 - iii. Dual Enrollment & AP course
 - 1. AP Drawing
 - 2. AP Research
 - iv. CTE
 - 1. Digital Game II
 - 2. Principles of Engineering II
 - 3. Multimedia Communications II
 - v. Inclusive elections
 - 1. Design craft
 - 2.

2.2 Spirit Week Activities

- a. Hot cocoa was a hit today. Dodgeball was a highlight yesterday. Our assembly will be on Friday.
- b. Salzman thanked the staff and Boosters for assisting with the t-shirts and the raffle gift cards. He thanked STUCO for assisting with the distribution of t-shirts to students.

2.3 Semester Exam Expectations

- a. Raised the bar for expectations
- b. Modified weight of exams from 20% to 15%
 - i. Meant to minimize semester fail rate while students are still adjusting to taking semester exams again.
- c. All exams require a rigorous written portion
- d. Exams are 12/12 - 12/15. The schedule is on the website.
- e. Our fire drill will be during 8th period on 12/12.

2.4 Staffing Needs Update

- a. Our new 12th-grade counselor started last month.
- b. We recommended a Spanish teacher for hire today.
- c. We've held many interviews for CSM
- d. We interviewed SHA candidates but did not move forward with any of them
- e. We are now flying the SSA positions, SPTA, SEIF, & two AP positions
 - i. 12th-Grade House
 - ii. Student Success Center

3.0 School Events

3.1 Winter Concert Week

- a. Guitar was last week
- b. Band was last night
- c. Tonight is the Orchestra concert
- d. We are continuing with our activities tonight
- e. Tomorrow is Choir
- f. Friday are the Guitar solos

3.2 American Education Week Recap

- a. We had a great week thanks to STUCO and the Booster Club. Next year, we would like for more clubs and organizations to participate.
- b. Thank you to the Boosters for helping to sort and distribute the student notes to teachers.

3.3 Senior Night Recap

- a. Successful turnout
- b. Helen Goodale reported that the Lim informed parents about how to order a transcript
- c. We will add the information on ordering transcripts to our website, newsletter, and counselor/senior pages.
- d. Our new graduation cap and gown provider is Herff Jones. Please let Mr. Salzman know if you experience any issues or concerns with them.
- e. The ring and cap presentation is on Monday night. Salzman will try to schedule the ring and cap presentation earlier next week.

3.4 Graduation Updates

- a. Our graduation will be at 9:00 am on May 21, 2024, at the Thomas & Mack Center

5.0 Next meeting

- a. Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.