

**Menlo-Atherton High School
Shared Decision-Making Site Council**

11/09/2023

Unapproved Minutes

Approved on: 12/7/23

MEMBERS Present: Valeria Lorenzo, Erin Walsh, Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado, Amala Raj, Elizabeth Santana, Elisa Nocedal, John Giambruno, Silvia Torres Garza, Michele Breen, Libia Bustamante, Karl Losekoot, Michele Breen, Stephen Ready, Lupita Ruiz, Shionda Nickerson.

Guests: Andy Stuart, Emiko Edmunds, Sophie Chi, Zoe Gostyla

Opening: The regular meeting of the SDMSC was called to order at 3:36 pm

1. Reviewed minutes

Motion made by: Amala Raj

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 13

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: 3:38 pm

2. Open Forum:

1. Kudos to 8th grade info night!
2. Acknowledging Día de los Muertos! A beautiful night
3. English dept. discussed college & career day (also mentioned in Site Council)
 - a. 9th grade trips feedback
 - b. Notes for structuring the day
 - c. Could be taken on by SDMSC (rather than focus group?)
4. Circling back to PSAT from last meeting -> future agenda item

3. Service Learning Center Report

Mr. Stuart and Students presented their [SLIDES](#) to the SDMSC

- Andy Stuart, Amala Raj, Emiko Edmunds, Sophie Chi, Zoe Gostyla
- 2023-24 Goal to raise awareness for the SLC and expand by pushing in to classes (like Ethnic Studies)
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4. Career Cadre

John Giambruno reviewed a SITE Council Proposal

Motion made by: Sarah Frivold

- First meeting on Monday, Nov. 27

- Exploratory committee: 2 students, 4 staff (Counselor: Kubo), 2 parents
 - Mondays after school, 1 hour, 1 or 2 times/month
- Preparing students prepare for all paths -> greater success. Career education helps students academically!
- All grades - unspecified

5. Positive Actions and Acknowledgements

Karl Losekoot, shared with a brainstorming session

- Brainstorm a positive project for SDMSC
 - Redesigning College & Career Day? More student acknowledgements? Ohlone land acknowledgement?
 - When to work on it? Depends on the project.
 - Having alumni come back?
 - Sophomores and juniors
 - Student safety messaging! (continuing poster work)
 - Communication about 504s
 - Peer mentorship for both students and staff (bigger than TIPS)
 - Very isolating to be a young teacher
 - Bear buddies for students (big brothers/sisters)
 - Element of SLC!!!!
 - Partner with college students? (Perhaps keeping it insular is better)

6. Student Discipline Reporting out

- Number of students out without passes was “amazing”
- Break time during class
- Need to communicate with teachers about policies with passes, etc.
 - What does a break look like?
 - Why passes?
 - When a student goes missing, what does that look like?
- Develop a greater culture of having passes
- If a student misses ____ amount of time, then it’s an absence
- Legality of marking students absent when they’re on time but gone for the whole class period
- Suggestions for “Pocket Points” App Partnership, app that incentivizes students to have the phone completely off.

Motion made by:

6. Adjourn

Motion made by:

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 21

Opposed #: 0
Abstention #: 0
MOTION PASSES: 4:10 pm