

Menlo-Atherton High School
Shared Decision-Making Site Council
10/12/2023

Approved on: 11/09/24

MEMBERS Present: Nichole Barlow, Jason Knowles, Randy West, Amanda Bianchi, Valeria Lorenzo, Erin Walsh , Amala Raj, Tina Lin, Tomiko Fronk, Shu Rosenthal (for Elizabeth Santana), Joanna Maldonado, Elisa Nosedal, John Giambruno, Tricia Barr, Silvia Torres Garza,, Libia Bustamante, Sarah Frivold, Shionda Nickerson, Karl Losekoot

Opening: The regular meeting of the SDMSC was called to order at 3:30 pm

1. Reviewed minutes

Motion made by: Jason Knowles

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 22

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: 3:36 pm

2. Open Forum:

1. Shout out the amazing food for the teachers at lunch
2. PSATs: how many universities still require SAT. Should we spend so much time preparing students for it?
 - a. Some schools still require it both public and private
 - b. Juniors can receive scholarships
 - c. PSAT used to be concerned a service our school provided
 - i. The climate around testing has shifted, how do we adjust?

3. Collaboration Proposals

Motion made by: Amala

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 22

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 1

MOTION PASSES: 3:47 pm

4. New Course Proposal (all due Dec 4)

Bio Teach (Dr. Richards) CTE course pathway

- Already board approved

- Specialized section of Biology
- Life Science
- Promotes Job career, needs in jobs
- Being taught in the Academy, but is only available for the Academy students therefore we want to make this opportunity for all students
- Writing Grants and working with non profit organizations to gather materials
- Focus on seniors to allow them to receive Life Science class options
- Planning on only being one section
- No math pre-requistist
- Potential dual enrollment and community college credit
- Project based and hands on and accessible to all levels of student understanding and abilities

Motion made by: Sarah Frivold

Seconded by: Elisa Nocedal

Approved #: 20

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 1

MOTION PASSES: 4:04 pm

5. Circle Back to Future Agenda Items

- Teacher shortage has been addresses and begins tomorrow
- Transportation issues
- Tardies is a concern
- PSAT discussion parking lot for next meeting
- IEPs, extra time and discussing perpetual 'makeup' work cycle that snowballs into missing more class time ect, what options can we explore to address this

6. Adjourn

Motion made by: Sarah Leslie

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 21

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: 4:10 pm

