

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

**5/9/24**

**Approved Minutes**

**Approved on: 9/12/24**

Members in attendance:

Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado, Nichole Barlow, Elisa Nosedal, Tricia Barr (parent), John Giambruno, Ann-Marie Mecham (Foundation stand-in), Karl Losekoot, Craig Carson, Elizabeth Santana (parent), Lucile ? Bohn for Libia Bustamonte (Classified), Michelle Breen, Randy West, Amy McGaraghan (parent), Stephen Ready, Erin Walsh, Valeria Lorenzo, Amala Raj (student), Ella Thompson (student), Francine Andrade for Silvia Torres Garza, \_\_\_\_ Hansen.

Guests:

Missing: Sarah Frivold, Joanna Maldonado, Lupita Ruiz (parent), Sara Leslie (Foundation parent), Shu Rosenthal (parent), Shionda Nickerson, Jenna Carson, Sam Richman, Sophia Schmitz, Liri Maoz,

Opening: The regular meeting of the SDMSC was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Minutes by: Tricia Barr

- **Reviewed minutes from previous meeting, 4/18/24 as is**

Motion made by: Amala Raj

Seconded by: Elizabeth Santana

Approved #: 19

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION 3:39 pm

- **Open Forum:**

- Amala Raj. Last meeting. Thanks to everyone!
- Erin Walsh. Lots of discussion about phones in the classroom.
  - Rachel Wan and Erin have talked more about 9th grade school collaboration about school policies. They will talk more among the grade level.

- Every classroom receives phone pockets that hang on walls. Some people set up charging system.
- Action items. Before end of year:
  - Karl happy to send note to reset expectation to use phone pockets in the classroom (not a policy, but a best practice).
  - Karl will send note to staff: Anyone who wants a phone pocket system can order one.
- On future agenda item to talk about it as a policy (vs just best practice), enforcement strategies, consequences.
- Tricia Barr. Request from the public for Site Council and SDSMC agenda links to be visible in the meeting agendas since these are public meetings.

- **Summer Collaboration**

- Elisa needs to be removed from one of the collaborations. Made update.
- Motion made by: Randy West
- Seconded by: Erin Walsh
- Approved #: 22
- Opposed #: 0
- Abstention #: 0
- MOTION 4:03 pm

- **2024-2025 School Calendar Discussion and Approval**

- School Calendar & PD: [ColorPDF](#) vs [BWPDF](#) & Google for staff
- JUST EVENTS [mabears.org](#) [Google Calendar](#)
  - Talked through Block Day schedule.
  - Went month-by-month through the calendar
  - Last year, District & SDTA organized 5 Minimum Days.
  - This upcoming year, District & SDTA agreed to 2 Minimum Days instead of 4 organized by District. Those are the discretion of the district. [confirm with Karl that I got the notes right]
  - M-A wants to use two of its discretionary Minimum Days to do WASC.
  - Oct 29 - 2nd District & SDTA Minimum Day

- There will be 3 days of Challenge Day next year for 9th graders (back to where it's for 9th graders each year; was doubled-up to make up for students who missed Challenge Day during COVID)
- March Staff meeting. "Light, fun staff meeting" request from Elisa Nocedal (since April will be right before WASC visit). **Karl said sure!**
- Elizabeth Santana: please add times of Prom, Graduation, etc on online calendar so people are aware of the times (especially Graduation). **Karl said sure.**
- Trying to schedule Challenge Day for the fall semester. Karl said trying to make sure Challenge Day doesn't end on Friday because it can trigger strong feelings.
  
- Motion made by: Erin Walsh
- Seconded by: Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado
- Approved #: 22
- Opposed #: 0
- Abstention #: 0
- MOTION 4:43 pm

- Selecting Students announcement

- Officers for Next Year:

- Chair
    - Vice-Chair
    - Secretary (*new idea from G*)
    - Parliamentarian

- Certificates!

Chair.

Tricia nominated Mr G

Seconded ?

Vice Chair.

Tricia nominated Pablo Beremendi

Secretary.

- Tricia nominates Pablo.
  - Elizabeth Santana seconded Pablo.
- Default is Pablo. Some rotating if people want.

Parliamentarian

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Mr G nominated Stephen Ready.  
Amala seconds.

Selecting Students. We have 11 students who want to be on SDSMC. Students from AVID, Journalism, Leadership, etc. Mr G will meet with each and ask if they can commit to the schedule of attending a schedule once/month.  
3 students want to be on Site Council.

**5. Adjourning meeting at 4:55pm:**

Motion made by: Amala Raj  
Seconded by: Erin Walsh  
Approved #: 22  
Opposed #: 0  
Abstention #: 0  
MOTION PASSES: Yes