

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

4/18/24

**Unapproved Minutes
Approved on: 5/9/24**

Members in attendance:

Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado, Lupita Ruiz (parent), Nichole Barlow, Elisa Nosedal, Tricia Barr (parent), John Giambruno, Sara Leslie (parent), Karl Losekoot, Sylvia Torres Garza, Shionda Nickerson, Jenna Carson, Craig Carson, Valeria Lorenzo, Elizabeth Santana (parent), Libia Bustamonte (Classified), Shu Rosenthal (parent), Randy West, Amy McGaraghan (parent), Erin Walsh.

Guests:

Missing: all students, Sarah Frivold, Joanna Maldonado
Michelle Breen, Stephen Ready

Opening: The regular meeting of the SDMSC was called to order at 3:35 pm. Not quorum yet, so got started at 3:42pm.

Minutes by: Tricia Barr

- **Reviewed minutes from previous meeting, 3/7/24 as is**
 - Motion made by: Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado
 - Seconded by: Sara Leslie
 - Approved #: 12
 - Opposed #: 0
 - Abstention #: 4
 - MOTION 3:41 pm
- **Open Forum:**
 - Vaping. Shu Rosenthal mentioned that vaping came up in PTA
 - We have avenue for vape detectors in bathrooms.
 - Canada College - has vape detectors.
 - Shionda: We don't have TUPE staff at M-A, so we don't get TUPE grant / funds from the county.
 - When kids get caught, we provide alternatives to suspension.

- Assembly? [Tricia thinking about Dr Bonnie Halpern-Felscher]
 - Start an email incentive: Tricia, Shionda, Shu, Mr G, AVPs, Karl
 - Maybe we talk about addiction and de-stigmatizing addiction.
 - Prom Closet. \$200,000 in donations from individuals and companies. Have provided 300-400 dresses and suits from Men's Warehouse.
 - Now trying to figure out transportation to/from prom
 - Jazz students boarded bus to Anaheim today
 - Debate team was in New York in a tournament. Our team made it to the quarter-finals. Top 8. We sent 10 teams (5 teams of 2).
 - Jenna Carson (math) went to Minnesota for service learning conference with Andy Stuart, along with a few students who were presenting.
 - Amy McGaraghan - positive feedback at middle school for learning about participating at athletics at M-A. Forum of student athletes provided Q&A.
 - Jenna Carson - led group of 16 teachers who are new to M-A to visit partner schools (Ravenswood, Boys & Girls Club, Hillview) re: integrating culturally when they join at M-A
 - Karl speaking at Board meeting on Weds. Will be celebrating 1) new Leadership class and 2) Robotics team for "gracious professionalism" for supporting each other
- **SDSMC By-laws**
 - Updated / cleaned up by-laws to reflect that this body (SDSMC) is defined by California Ed code and does not have responsibility for the School Site Plan (that responsibility is with Site Council, per California Ed Code).
 - Motion made by: Tricia Barr
 - Seconded by: Elisa Nocedal
 - Approved #: 19
 - Opposed #: 0
 - Abstention #: 0
 - MOTION 4:13 pm
- **Site Plan**
 - Review current draft of Site Plan.

- One strategy around trying to connect students to higher ed through different pathways, such as dual enrollment courses
 - Biotech
 - All of Mr G's classes are now dual enrollment
- Trying to find ways to enrich the 9th grade experience. Intro to Journalism, and Digital Photography. In addition to Leadership course that was added.
- How do we expand students to FutureGrads? So more kids can be connected and see college as a path for them.
- Elizabeth Santana: Interest in Advisory. This gets into lots of contractual issues with Sequoia Union Teachers Association.
 - To help with mental health, to catch students that aren't coming to school, not feeling connected, etc.
- How do we get CTE pathway to something like Nursing?
- ELL: we're going to look at more granularity at how students are progressing from Level 1 to Level 2, for example.
- Jenna Carson: Why hasn't the district implemented a text communication tool? Karl said there was one presented, but not sure of implementation.
 - ACTION: Karl will find out the latest. Many staff voiced the need for this to improve student engagement.
 - ACTION: add this as a recommendation to the Site Plan.
- SPED students. Community college visit for seniors would be helpful. Valeria Lorenzo mentioned they used to get funding for this.
 - Elisa Necedal asked about other ways to measure success for SPED students.
 - Shionda: Jobtrain for SPED students?
- Interest in cell phone pocket book where kids need to turn in their phones.
 - Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado - students use their kids for research
 - Randy West - has been using it and it's very effective at keeping them focused
 - Amy McGanaghan. Students are using phones for cheating.
 - Can we add this on the agenda?
 - Same with AirPods / Headphones / Apple Watches.

5. Adjourning meeting at 5:06pm:

Motion made by: Elisa Nocedal

Seconded by: Erin Walsh

Approved #: 19

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: Yes