

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

**3/13/25**

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Approved on:**

Members in attendance:

John Giambruno, Tricia Barr, Pablo Beramendi, Stephen Ready, Elisa Nocedal, Libia Bustamante, Erin Walsh, Celine Sanie (parent), Irene Gil, Michele Breen, Amy McGaraghan (parent), Paige Winikoff (parent), Karl Losekoot, Randy West, Stephanie Cuff-Alvarado, Danette Bathauer, Sapna Bhagwat, Isabel Habibi, Parmis Hoghooghi, Abigail MacLeod (student),

16 total attendees today - 16 voting members.

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

Minutes by: Mr. G

- **Reviewed minutes from previous meeting, 2/13/25**

Motion made by: Erin Walsh

Seconded by: Abbie

Approved #: 15

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 1

MOTION 3:44 pm

- **Open Forum:**

- G started with mindfulness breathing
- Science, students missed labs due to blood drive, students intentionally missing for blood drives. Approx 72 donors, and impacted lives of 140 patients.
  - Leadership: Blood Donors don't pick specifically pick a period, but they request certain ones, and then the Red Cross places students in slots.
  - Noted to consider for next year.
- Parent: SamTans for CASP Testing for late starts. Needs to communicate out plans and where students can go. Clear plan indicated to families where students can go.
- Academic Resource: Case Manager on maternity leave with NO long term sub, Case Managers, are covering but overwhelmed.

- Commend Hadestown, and Ms. Bathauer
- Halfway through testing, and going well. Over 90% initial testing.
  - Losekoot reaches out, wanting to convey that it's a school activity. High Stakes for the school, but not for the students. The SAT that we're offering on the day off, and a "fair number" of students were missing tests for studying for the CASP.
  - Negative Impact of school related events beyond CASP testing for many College/SAT/outside academics. This pressure stems even down to sophomore level taking numerous APs.
  - Grateful for the SAT on a school PD Day.

- **Challenge Day Form**

- Disclaimer, Challenge Day is happening next year, but we want to start gathering data for accurate
- Add an exploration question if a student stated they didn't attend
- Question on collecting email and anonymity
  - Collect emails but make it clear it's not anonymous
- Add a qualitative questions, to some of the rankings
- Change the empathy question, with a more specific question about learning about other students
- Ask a question about recommending Challenge Day for new students,
- Ask for an alternative that can reach the same goal as Challenge Day
- Challenge Day Goals Listed

- **SITE Plan**

- SITE Plan is being written by SITE Council
- WASC will give us feedback, and SITE Council will adjust
- Goals are broad and rather fixed
- BUT Karl/Site Council is looking for action items.
- Topics brought up: AP Cap, Career Opportunity Exploration (Student Internships, Networking, Community Relationship), Student Wellness and Mental Health Education, College Competitiveness Stress

**Adjourning meeting at 5:00 pm:**

Motion made by:

Seconded by:

Approved #: 16

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: 5:00 pm