

Menlo-Atherton High School

Shared Decision-Making Site Council

1/25/2024

Approved on: 2/29/24

Opening: The regular meeting of the Site Council was called to order at 3:32 pm.

Members Present: Tricia Barr (parent), John Giambruno, Sara Leslie (parent), Karl Losekoot, Karina Flores, Sophie Robbins (student), Susan Price, Paulina Cisneros (student), Lupita Ruiz (parent).

Members Absent: Sarah Frivold, Adrian Perkins, Gizelle Martinez,

Guest: Shu Rosenthal

A. Approval of Minutes at 3:45 pm

Approval of [minutes from 11/30/23](#)

Motion to Approve from: Sara

Seconded by: Sophie

Approved #: 6

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 1

MOTION PASSES to approve minutes

C. Report out

- Chair: Career Cadre moving forward
- Students. Leadership: Blood Drive on Valentine's Day with Stanford. Formal and lunchtime events.
- Staff. Leadership hosting Black History Months events; Lunar New Year; bringing back International Night in March (at end of International Week).
- PTA. College and Career (Community College Night) on Feb 9.
- Foundation. Auction in March. Hearing from students they don't want to give if they are unhappy with some goings-on at school/district. Hopefully outliers.
- Principal. Karl: Starting WASC process. Curriculum, Leadership, Vision, Culture. Re-accredited every 6 years. This will be our 6 year visit.
 - WASC visit (3 days) is April 2025 to evaluate M-A
 - Typically ask to meet with parents, students, and staff (without admin), and admin
- ELAC. No updates.

D. Further Review Current [Site Plan](#) (from 2023). DRAFT for 2024 is [here](#).

We'll provide final approval on Site Plan on April 25th

Digging into Goal 1

Discussion around A-G completion rate dropping in some student groups, especially in Latin and EL/RFEP student groups.

Some comments:

Some students come into M-A and have a hard time navigating when they come here. Some students get overwhelmed and lose motivation.

Some students' goals isn't to go to college, but goal should be higher.

Idea: We could ask Guidance Counselors why they think there's been such a drop in %s of A-G eligible. OR have someone interview students who aren't A-G eligible.

Actions:

- Karl will take action to ask Guidance Counselors to attend Site Council meeting and share why they think there's been such a drop with declining student group A-G completion rates. If Counselors don't want to attend meeting, Karl will bring feedback to Site Council.
- Karl will also check if other SUHSD schools are seeing similar trends.

Relationship with org changed and M-A has decided not to renew contract with "Baadaye" for culturally responsive prep workshops.

Mr G and Karina talked about idea of having support group specific to Latino students. How much of the focus of Live in Peace, Boys and Girls Club, etc is focused on college. FutureGrads (funded through Boys and Girls Club) is focused on college track. They would be a good organization to look at expanding our school relationship with. They give free college tours. Spring Break taking kids to SoCal. (FutureTrack used to be focused on college track.)

- Karl will talk to FutureGrads about expanding the school's relationship with them.

We can put more \$ in AVID if we can get more kids into AVID. There are middle school AVID programs. Can we tap into AVID

- Ask AVID coordinators if there's more we can do to grow our AVID student population.

We sometimes struggle to fill two sections of freshman kids. It's a challenge b/c you're asking kids to take a 7th class. We have roughly 50 kids in AVID freshman class now, then it goes to 40, then to 36? (numbers may be a little off).

This Spring, we'll see how the first group of Multicultural Voice students do on Smarter Balanced exam.

Having 9th graders work on a 4 year plan document. So they are setting goals, thinking about what they want to be / do when they grow up. AVID does some of this. Could FutureGrad help students with this?

Adjourn

Motion made by: Paula Cisneros

Second by Karina Flores

Approved #: 9

Opposed #: 0

Abstention #: 0

MOTION PASSES: at 5:04pm