

Santa Monica High School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

4:00 PM

Room D205

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Present:

1. Steve Abrams
2. Jordana Benone
3. Stephan Corbel
4. Marae Cruce
5. Jonah Dworkin
6. Kathleen Faas
7. Grayson Fitzgerald
8. Teddy Forrer
9. Veronica Garcia-Hecht
10. Tova Larson
11. Mele LeVeaux
12. Michelle Lyles
13. Lily McGrath

Others present:

1. none

I. Welcome

II. Motion to approve minutes from 9-24 by Stephan Corbel, seconded by Steve Abrams

III. Samohi Cell Phone Strategy:

- Teachers collecting phones via pouch - cubby
- Surveys for student / teachers
- Student cell phone data (1,053 responses)
 - How many teachers are collecting cell phones?
 - 51.2% said some of them
 - 47.4 said all of them
 - How do you feel about teachers collecting phones?
 - 38.3% said fine either way

- 23.6% said they don't love it, but it's probably good for me
 - 18% said it makes me uncomfortable to be separated
 - 5.6% said great, I'm more productive
 - Remainder is other, typed own answers
 - Positive responses:
 - Better grades
 - More focused
 - More social, better teamwork
 - Negative responses:
 - Computers replacing phone
 - People will always find a way to not pay attention
- Teacher cell phone data (85 responses)
 - Are you collecting phones during class?
 - 81.2% yes
 - 12.9% sometimes
 - 5.9% no
 - Are you collecting phones during Flex-Time?
 - 51.8% no
 - 24.7% sometimes
 - 23.5% yes
 - Do you allow students to take their phone to the bathroom?
 - 77.4% no
 - 17.9% sometimes
 - Remainder yes
 - Teacher comments (positive observed)
 - More engaged
 - More productive struggle on material
 - More interaction

Teachers model "exceptions" for phone use

Family conversation for phone use

IV. District Priority PD Alignment : Transformative Approaches

- Samohi SIP Focus and Plan - Restorative Justice
 - Focus: active learning
 - Higher level of thinking
 - Goal: increase percent of BIPOC students scoring met or exceeds standards by 5% on math CAASPP by end of 24-25 year
 - Student success indicators
 - Engaged discourse
 - Engaged learning
 - Demonstrate and self-assess mastery

- Staff practices
 - Incorporate student talk protocols
 - Engaging lessons
 - Frequent check for understanding
 - Provide clear learning objectives/targets/rubrics
- School supports
 - PD
 - PLC planning time
- Evidence of learning
 - Student talk time
 - Student work samples from common assessments
 - Learning walks/observations

V. Samohi Facilities

- Engineering academy working with McCarthy construction
- Green Space in front of language/English and Exploration buildings
- New Gold Gym
- New tables in Exploration building
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VI. Closing

Motion to end the meeting: by

Motioned to end meeting by: Steve Abrams

Seconded: Tova Larson

Meeting ended at 5:31 pm.