

**Malibu HS
School Site Council Minutes
January 19, 2023**

Present:

Patrick Miller
Soniya Perl
Linn Griffin
Sean Ryan
Makenna Samsel
Shane Perl
Katherine Kennedy
Jennifer Gonzalez
Elissa Marshall
Alex Aspron
Anna Deshautelle

Meeting began at 3:47pm.

Minutes from 11.17.22 were approved (_____ approved, _____ seconded).

Mr. Miller began the meeting by providing updates. A new middle school principal is still TBD. For now, parents do have the teachers and Mr. Miller as a resource for information if needed. Ms. Andino's leave has been extended through February. Mr. Ryan asked about the safety drill that will be happening tomorrow and whether parents will be informed ahead of time.

Elissa provided a PTSA update about a speaker (Robert Cohen) who will be coming to a meeting tomorrow. Additional information about fentanyl will be provided. Digital health, programs to encourage attendance, board elections are coming up. Visits with 5th graders at the elementary schools will be happening this Spring. The Friendly Faces program provides constant "eyes" and parental presence on campus. about 25 parents from the middle school and 15 from the high school are processed volunteers.

Ms. Gonzalez gave an update on "Healthy Kids": "red flags" and "celebrations". They wanted to reevaluate their mission statement. Kids reported that they are bored, sad, stressed. Around 20% said they were involved in drugs on a regular basis. Some students wanted to bring the drug dogs back and have the bathrooms monitored for drugs. She shared a powerpoint entitled "Developing Mental Health Days within the District". The state did expand the definition on what constitutes a "sick" day. Having a "Pause" day would be helpful to students to get a break from assignments but might compete with how Support periods are used.

Mr. Miller addressed attendance: 20-30% are absent. He explained how and why letters go out depending on excused or unexcused absences.

Shane Perl provided a student update. He said students seem to be stressed out and need more sleep (they're sleeping in class). Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that because students go to school later, they also get out later, and nothing else really changed. Encouraging teachers to accept late work for partial credit would be helpful.

Anna Deshautelle provided an update on Special Education. She gave an example of a lesson that students worked on by making a wooden box. It has been a challenge to keep a speech pathologist on staff according to Mr. Miller. Ms. Deshautelle mentioned that they'd had speech teachers via Zoom for the kids this year. She also explained the IEP and Step programs along with other services that are available to students.

We discussed the mission statement and the schoolwide learner outcome surveys that the staff took, and the points were high (the staff feels supportive of both). Mr. Ryan brought up mental health and Ms. Kennedy said students are expressing a lot of apathy that is concerning.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Ryan if Valerie Azerjan (sp) could join us at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.