

**Malibu HS
School Site Council Minutes
February 16, 2023**

Present:

Alex Mayle
Sean Ryan
Patrick Miller
Valerie Azerian
Nancy Levy
Elissa Marshall
Katherine Kennedy
Jennifer Gonzalez
Soniya Perl
Margot
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Meeting began at 3:47pm.

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 11.17.2022. Makenna Samsel moved to approve, Patrick Miller seconded. Minutes from 1.19.2023 were approved, Kathy Kennedy made the motion and Linn Griffin seconded. The minutes from both dates were approved with all in favor.

Alex Mayle provided a department update. The English department uses podcasts as a teaching tool and is working on writing standards. They're looking at assignments at each grade level and common errors made as well as what skills are taught each year. A writing folder could be used to follow the students through high school with a reflection at the end of each year. The largest loss over Covid was students' attention to detail.

Valerie Azarian introduced us to Margot and Margot, who worked with Mending Kids in Tanzania. They were able to watch surgeries. Doctors from the US performing the surgeries were also teaching local doctors how to do the surgeries themselves as well as leaving resources for them. Mr. Miller commented, "At MHS, we want to equip students for life beyond our doors by integrating a sense of citizen responsibility. The Service Learning Program introduces students to meaningful and engaging civic and social activities outside out student life. Service-learning differs from traditional community service activities because it intentionally integrates the service experience with the curriculum - allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of key concepts while developing their skills as active and thoughtful citizens.

Valerie gave a report on Naviance hour reporting; only 43% have logged in to record their hours. However, there's a new system that opened yesterday and 1800 hours were logged by freshmen yesterday.

Mr. Miller gave a report on feedback regarding support period and using Enriching Students. The majority of staff and students feel like it's a good move, so they'll probably continue to budget \$6,000 again next year for the program.

There will be a combined MMS/MHS open house, held on March 23rd.

Elissa Marshall provided an update from the PTA. POM's is scheduled for February 18th, PTSA on the 23rd of February. PTSA is working with ASB on ways to incentivize students' attendance. They're looking for a new PTSA president, as Karen Al-Hardin is stepping down. They're continuing to encourage Friendly Faces, the parent participation program. 97 of 300 Narcan doses have been picked up. The lockers for the middle school will eventually arrive.

The Academic Honesty Policy exists in the student handbook. Mr. Miller said that the SSC was the proper channel to evaluate whether the policy needed to be changed at some point. We discussed the prevalence of Chat GPT and the fact that it is being used by students. Mr. Ryan said he would see if some faculty members might be able to assist with a re-write of the honesty policy.

Elissa Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Kennedy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 16th.