

Malibu HS
Site Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021 – 3:20 pm – 4:37 pm

Meeting began at 3:20
Notes were taken by Alex Sudmann (student)

Members in Attendance:

Cindy Smith (Teacher)
Sean Ryan (Teacher)
Beth Papp (Staff)
Seth Jacobson (Parent)
Patrick Miller (Principal)
Lili Foster (Parent)
Kellye McKinna (Community Member)
Alex Sudmann (Student)
Bella Howe (Student)

Additional Members:

Matthew Maischoss (Student)
Linh Snyder (College Counselor)
Makenna Samsel (High School Counselor)

3:15 Welcome and approve minutes from 1/21/21

Ms. Smith welcomed the group. Motion to approve by Ms. McKinna and seconded by Ms. Foster. The minutes passed unanimously.

3:21 Testing Update – Mrs. Snyder and Ms. Samsel

Mrs. Snyder gave an update on SAT testing for the Junior Class and an overview of the new standards for the SAT. Ms. McKinna posed a question regarding testing policies for California schools. Mrs. Snyder responded. Ms. Samsel gave her update on testing (PSAT and AP). Ms. McKinna posed a question regarding test scores. Ms. Samsel responded. Ms. Samsel continued to discuss AP exams and the different testing windows and formats.

3:31 School Announcements /Principal's Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the end of the grading period and the upcoming student workdays in March. The PAPER online learning system was also discussed.

3:34 PTSA News Announcements – Lili Foster

Ms. Foster discussed the formation of a nominating committee for the next board and the senior parent committee plans.

Old Business:

3:35: Distance Learning Update – Alex & Bella & Teachers (goal 1)

Bella gave her updates about Distance Learning and what she has heard. Mr. Miller responded. Ms. Smith added to the conversation. Alex gave his update, including AP testing. Ms. Smith posed a question regarding AP testing. Mr. Ryan gave his distance learning update. Ms. Foster gave an update on distance learning for her daughter from the parent's perspective. Mr. Miller responded and had a conversation regarding student experiences and successes within the changed system.

3:46: Re-opening update and discussion (Distance Learning Plus)

Ms. Smith discussed the overview of the Distance Plus plan and Mr. Miller continued it. The overall plan and guidelines were discussed. Ms. McKinna posed a question regarding the guidelines. Mr. Miller responded regarding academic support. Mr. Ryan posed a question regarding discussing options to parents and limitations. Mr. Miller responded. Mr. Jacobson discussed the parents' viewpoint and expectations and responded to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan further emphasized his points.

New Business:

3:57: SPSA Check-In

Ms. Smith discussed the overview of the SPSA and the goals for the Site Council. Mr. Miller discussed the SPSA, presented the draft documentation as well as the organization of the proposed elements of the document. Mr. Jacobson posed a question regarding LCAP data. Mr. Miller responded. A conversation followed regarding the data on attendance. Ms. McKinna added to the conversation on attendance. Mr. Jacobson discussed socio-economic data briefly. Mr. Ryan discussed the history dept. reaction. Mr. Jacobson posed a question regarding the wording in the document. Mr. Miller responded. Alex discussed his experience with student involvement and the learning process for students. Bella added to that. Ms. Smith discussed how the math dept. is working on changing work. Mr. Miller continued the discussion. Ms. Smith discussed the challenge of balancing curriculum and instruction. Ms. McKinna posed a question to Bella about integrating discussions into the writing. Bella responded. Ms. McKinna continued regarding standards and templates. Mr. Ryan responded. Mr. Miller continued that discussion. Ms. McKinna continued. Mr. Miller continued to the next topic. Ms. McKinna posed a question regarding social justice within the curriculum. Mr. Miller responded and Ms. Smith responded. Mr. Miller continued. A conversation followed regarding the social justice discussions from 2/12/2021. Mr. Ryan posed a question to Alex and Bella, they responded. Ms. Smith added into the technology aspect for students. The group had a discussion around the idea of getting honest feedback through online chat features in applications (eg. zoom). Mr. Ryan and Ms. Smith discussed the use of technology. Ms. McKinna added to the conversation. Mr. Miller started the last topic. Ms. McKinna posed a question regarding assessments. Mr. Miller responded. Testing was discussed between Mr. Miller and Ms. McKinna. Ms. Smith added to the conversation. Mr. Miller continued and added some concluding remarks. Ms. Smith, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Miller added some final remarks. Ms. McKinna added to the conversation. Mr. Miller continued the conversation. Ms. Smith added some final remarks and the meeting was adjourned.

4:37: Adjourn