

**Malibu HS
School Site Council Minutes
April 21, 2022**

Present:

Sean Ryan
Katherine Kennedy
Makenna Samsel
Soniya Perl
Isabella Howe
Patrick Miller
Linn Griffin
Sophia O'Brien
Kellye McKinna
Nancy Levy
Danielle Murawski

Meeting began at 3:45.

Kellye McKinna moved to approve the minutes. Makenna Samsel seconded.

Minutes from 2.17 approved with all in favor.

Mr. Miller had a report from the PTA meeting. Service Awards are coming up, please submit nominations. Women's Club and Optimist Club will be recognizing students. Andy Meyer will be retiring after 41 years and will be recognized in a special ceremony. Senior Awards night and Retirement celebrations will be coming up as well. Many ASB events are coming up as well before the end of the academic year. SPSA is needed by May.

Ms. Smith provided an update from the math department and shared goals from their department strategies. Their 7-step process has been done one time this year. The same problem is given to several levels of math classes, and the goal is for the students to explain their reasoning while solving the problem. Students have a chance to explore a problem before Ms. Smith teaches the concept. There will only be one Geometry course next year, which may motivate some of the lower-level math students. It will be a mix of 9th and 10th graders. There will be Honors Geometry for middle school. This is a District-wide change. Regular Statistics is becoming IDS (Intro to Data Science). Star Renaissance is the other testing method used at the beginning of the year. SR is very effective, but adding more to the testing schedule in addition to CAASP. Teachers have been meeting with students who need extra help with math.

Danielle Murawski is department chair for World Language. Need: assessing students in a more comprehensive manner. They've been grading by using rubrics and have been working on updating and developing those. World Language Days have provided context for students to help them understand relevance in language studies, along with cultural days. New textbook adoption is next.

Isabella Howe had a few complaints: Not enough help for ESL students. Some students have asked for more activity to do during class. The quality of chairs is hurting students' backs. They miss field trips and school assemblies. Anxiety is a big deal for students; need for more staff training regarding helping students with panic attacks. We will put anxiety issues on the agenda for May.

We discussed the advocacy letter (reducing the school day to less time in class). The plan is to send it to state legislators. Sean Ryan moved to approve the advocacy letter; Katherine Kennedy seconded. All approved in favor.

Duties of ELAC have been given to the SSC. Mr. Miller went over what those responsibilities are. Parents involved as ELAC can be liaisons between SSC and EL families. In most schools it's two distinct organizations. Malibu High has not had more than 21 students historically in the ELAC program. Cindy Smith moved to accept the responsibilities of ELAC, Sean Ryan seconded. Bylaws need to be changed as a result. Katherine Kennedy moved to approve the revised bylaws. Sean Ryan seconded, and all approved in favor.

Mr. Miller provided information on SPSA 3 regarding Organization, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Culture. Department chairs are working to add on successes that they had this year. If anyone has additions, they are to email Mr. Miller. What do we want added to the 22–23-year plan beyond what is already there?

Next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19th in person.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.