

**Malibu HS
Site Council Minutes
May 20, 2021**

Present:

Patrick Miller
Cindy Smith
Isabella Howe
Sean Ryan
Kellye McKinna
Seth Jacobson
Lili Foster
Charles Kertez

Meeting began at 3:20 pm

Ms. McKinna moved to approve minutes Mr. Ryan second

All in favor – minutes approved

Announcements began with report on AP exams. Bella gave update on how AP exams were going. Mr. Miller referenced that some students are not taking the exams this year as full refunds are being offered with the current COVID situation but during a normal year if you take the class, it is expected you take text.

Mr. Miller shared the many VAPA events and also that there were a lot of Athletic events including Senior nights for each sport. He also shared about the many year-end events and all the wonderful events parents were doing for our students. He spoke briefly of graduation and that it will be in person but limited to household attendance. It would also have a different set up being a bit longer than our normal. We will be relying on families being compliant to the safety protocols in place. Professional photographers and videographers will be present to keep attendees and graduates from gathering.

Mr. Miller continued by sharing information about an 8:30 start for next year. He gave an update on the schedule vote and that once it passed, we will go over as a council again. He noted that we are close to minutes needed and that we will only be 110 min over for the year. There could be an issue if emergency issues as we would have to make up the time using our Fridays. 8:30 start is a priority for students, teachers and parents. Mr. Miller reviewed the law that by 21-22 it must be an 8:30 HS start and an 8:00 Ms. McKinna asked a question about sports and how they would be impacted. Mr. Miller responded. As state law, the 8:30 start will eventually be affecting all schools. Support will be at end of day – so this will help. Ms. Smith mentioned the schedule can always be changed after next year if it doesn't work how staff and students thought it would.

Mr. Miller took a few moments to celebrate Seth Jacobson and all he has done for SSC for the past 10 years.

No update today from Soniya as at middle school SSC

Ms. Smith thanked PTSA and let all know of the wonderful lunch they provided.

Mrs. Foster gave a quick PTSA update on parent HSA next week and the preparations they are doing for graduation. She thanked the college/career center for the wonderful pictures of seniors with their

intended college banners. Mr. Miller mentioned how PTSA has agreed to provide funding for E-Sports next year which is taking off at MHS.

Bella updated us on re-opening and how enjoyable it is being back at school. She has only heard positive things for students to do be back. She explained how a lot of students don't feel the need to come on Friday as it is all asynchronous work. She shared that students love using the new library. Friends encouraging friends to come back but some are worried they won't do as well in person as they have found great success during DL. Mr. Miller mentioned the social importance of Fridays. Ms. McKinna asked Bella if the academic side is more engaging being in class. Bella says it feels like doing zoom but in person and that it really depends on the teacher. Mr. Miller mentioned that it is hard for teachers as they are doing both. Mr. Ryan elaborated on how some teachers are focusing on both and that is hard, and Mr. Miller mentioned this type of teaching is not sustainable. The hope is that all will be back in the fall so teachers can focus on those in class and any staying home may be doing independent study. Mr. Miller mentioned no changing to staffing levels, but more independent may have an effect on the master schedule. Mr. Kertez mentioned difficulty with students being late. Mr. Miller mentioned last numbers by EdSource – public schools in CA only 13% of students have ability to come back 5 days a week and at HS only 5% so what we are doing is remarkable. (as of first week of May) Ms. McKinna asked what percentage at the HS coming back – Mr. Miller answered MS about 85% and HS about 70%

Mr. Miller mentioned we wanted to get a broad view of SPSA progress for Part 3 and overall school successes and improvements. He mentioned how he has gained information from LCAP, departments and our other SSC meetings on our SPSA goals to help him write Part 3.

Bella mentioned she really likes how teachers actually took action to things that she brought to the council from her and her peers. Mr. Miller followed up that this is the closing the loop of the student voice initiative and this is progress. Bella stated that for the Fall she would like to see some use of technology even in person as she actually felt a stronger connection with teachers. Ms. McKinna mentioned how interesting that was as you would think it would be the opposite. Mr. Miller spoke to teacher openness and vulnerability and how that may have helped the connection. Mutual respect between all participants.

Mr. Ryan voiced a question about if we would commemorate two of our students at graduation. Mr. Miller responded.

Mr. Jacobson spoke about how the revised HW policy was a success through distance learning and he hopes to keep the evolution of this going. He stated amazing validation SSC goal. He also stated that there was a greater connection between student and teacher and teacher to teacher than he has seen in 20 years. He gave kudos to Mr. Miller for guiding us all. He mentioned that WASC also noted the same. He would like to see us take advantage of new campus and being outdoors and experimental learning with environment. Mr. Miller followed up with the technology positives with HW and communication can carry forward. Mr. Miller briefly mentioned the 50% grading policy and that expanding four walls of classroom to outside has been great. One of his main goals has been to establish the “family” feel. He feels on staff and student level we are in a different place than 18 months ago – more positive more customer service more student centered. Ms. McKinna spoke to maintain the tenderness and care we have with each other after the crisis situation. She mentioned the ease of finding everything in one place with google classroom and that cohesiveness was so helpful. Ms. Smith mentioned the importance of

the balancing act with kindness and compassion and academic achievement. Ms. McKinna asked if any assessments done. Mr. Miller shared that we did give CAASPP as our timeline was before the state changes. Ms. McKinna also mentioned the positive of the college and career center and that more parents were attending meetings and workshops due to online. Mrs. Foster agreed and that zoom allows parents to be involved and attending meetings more. She mentioned how teachers and admin have kept students focused and moving forward. Mental illness issues with students have been great but they keep moving forward. She talked about how all the little things add up. Connection with teachers has been so helpful. Proud of the community sticking together and moving forward. She mentioned the new building and how beautiful and incredible it is and that it gives a great energy.

Ms. McKinna asked a question to teachers about chat feature in zoom. Ms. Smith and Mr. Ryan both responded. For those quiet it helps them feel comfortable speaking out, but it can limit class discussion as they now rely on the chat.

Mr. Ryan expressed he felt he was extra prepared for everyday as you can't fake it doing something new, out of the comfort zone. This forced him to be more on it than in the past and he hopes this will continue into the fall.

Mr. Miller summarized what the council said for positives and improvements for the fall.

Ms. McKinna added one thing about how attendance was so good on zoom - could a student choose to be virtual if can't be physically present? Ms. Smith and Mr. Ryan both mentioned that that would be a major issue. Mr. Miller briefly discussed the home hospital policy.

Mr. Miller ended this topic by reviewing the many successes in school and the community successes with funding and district monies into multimedia lab and teacher new laptops. He also reviewed some of the other great long term positive impacts and the great work we have done. WASC was a huge success. The additional of an AP music class and the success of Freshman and Senior seminar to name a few.

Ms. Smith explained the schedule for 21-22 and that we would continue every third Thursday (with possible exceptions during holiday months)

Mr. Miller reviewed which terms were up:

Mr. Ryan - term up - teacher

Mrs. Papp - term up - classified

Mr. Jacobson - term up - parent

Mrs. Foster - student graduating - parent

Alex graduating - student

August 2021 will be the vote so new members begin in the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm