

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
Minutes: February 5, 2018 -- 4:00 PM

Attending:

Principal: Kathie Laurence
Staff Reps: Adriana Aro, Darlene Feldstein, Josh Little, Kristina Granlund, Myesha Dickson
Compton
Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Kathy Liu, Hanna Suh, Kim Fenwick
Parent Reps: Ani Gnanalingam, Liz Milner, Jen Schultz
Visitors: Advait Arun (student)

STANDING ITEMS

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Principal, Kathie Lawrence.

Open Forum: There were no visitors to address the Site Council during Open Forum.

Minutes: The minutes of January meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to Approve WASC Report – Kathie Lawrence

Kristina moved to approve the WASC report. Seconded. Approved.

2. 2016-17 Grant Evaluator Selection – Adriana Aro

The following Site Council members volunteered to evaluate Site Council grants that were administered last year:

- Physics: Cooperative Learning – Kristina and Ani
- Professional Learning Community (Stipends for PLC Leads) – Josh and Jen/Liz
- Mathematics: Screencasting – Jen and Kathy

3. Site Council Rep Nominations - Ani Gnanalingam & Darlene Feldstein

Site Council members indicated if they are terming out and will need to be replaced on Site Council next year. Ani has put together a time line for recruitment of new Site Council parent representatives and posted it on the group drive.

CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Kathie Lawrence

- **Construction** is currently on time. Music building and Spangenberg are scheduled to open for the next school year. The central building is scheduled to open in January 2019 but we might move in during spring break. The crew is almost ready to put on the outside walls. There was a misunderstanding about the sound and light box but it's been cleared up.
- **WASC** will be visiting on March 18. They'll be meeting with teachers, students, and administrators on Monday 3/19 and Tuesday 3/20. They would like to meet with PTSA and Site

Council parents on 3/18 or 3/19. By end of day March 20 they'll be able report some findings and will send a final report a month later. We've collected a lot of data. Student voices have been well represented and individual voices have been incorporated into the whole. We hope they will be happy with our progress! We'll start getting ready for the next visit (March 2021) 18 months prior. The WASC Action Plan is a living document.

- **Course Selection** starts today at 5pm and ends February 16. Students complete their course selections online. Kathie and Mike Heffner will work closely on the master schedule, which is important because it reflects the priorities and values of the school. It will be completed after May 1. Students will receive their schedules one week before school starts.
- **RISE** – Anea Bogue is coming on Monday Feb 26 to do student assemblies here and at PALY about gender stereotypes, body autonomy, affirmative consent, and sexual misconduct. She focuses on healthy relationships and making sure students feel empowered and stay safe. She will also be here on Friday Feb 23 to meet with students ahead of time, doing teacher training at here and PALY, and parent night(s) for the community. Later in the spring, Jackson Katz (Cofounder of MVP - Mentor Violence Prevention) will be coming to Gunn and PALY as well to deliver the message is that men need to take a strong role in dealing with sexual violence; women can't do it alone. Dates for these assemblies are still being worked out.

PTSA REPORT – Jen Schultz

The next PTSA meetings are on Feb 8: General Meeting 8:45-10:00 AM and Executive Meeting 10:00-10:45 AM. **Agenda items** for the next meeting include: RISE Committee Report, Developmental Assets, Laughing Matters Presentation, Mid-Year Budget review and goals alignment, upcoming PTAC Honorary Service Awards (due March 1; reception on April 26, 4-6pm), Gunn PTA Exec Board and PTA Council Exec Board nominations are now underway – please invite people to consider serving, next Staff Appreciation Lunch is Feb 9, successful Principal's Coffee was held last Friday, and PTSA continues to expand translation support at Gunn (including Principal's Coffee).

PARENT REPORT- Liz Milner

Three parent concerns were raised. Kathie will follow up with these concerns:

- Some teachers are not using Schoology for assignments and calendar. It's important that teachers use the calendar to avoid test stacking and better manage student work load.
- Communication about the athletic participation fee needs to be clearer. It's a donation, not a fee (although it is important that parents donate in order for us to be able to run our athletics programs.)
- Senior portrait location continues to be an issue. All seniors have to go to Los Gatos to get their senior portraits taken. This places a burden on those students who don't have the means to travel that far.

SEC / STUDENT REPORT– Kim Fenwick

Spring Club Fair went well. Elimination has started and is going well. Love Week is coming up. Food services came to SEC and brought lots of healthy delicious food. We already have great, healthy options at Gunn, so it's great that they are trying to continue to improve it. Feb 22 is Tasting Day at JLS for parents and students. Advait organized a lunch get together with 60 students and several administrators. It was so successful that he might organize another one later in the spring.

STAFF REPORT – Ariana Aro

- Question was asked about the progress of the Superintendent search – No reports yet but there is a [time line](#) posted on the district web site.
- Parking has been a problem for staff arriving late in the morning. Unfortunately there is no solution as long as construction is going on. We will however communicate better to the community about high impact days (so they can plan alternatives), and look into other parking options.
- The Japanese advanced class participated in the Way of Tea sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan on 1/31. It was a great experience!
- Congratulations to the Gunn Jazz Bands on very successful musical performance at CMEA Jazz Festival on Sat 1/27. Jazz Band II received an Excellent Rating and the Big Band Jazz Ensemble received the highest honor-Unanimous Superior Rating. The Annual Jazz Band Guest Artist Concert will be Fri 2/9 at 7:30pm in the Paly PAC.
- Student Nutrition Services will be hosting an Ala Carte Tasting Day on Thurs 2/22 in the JLS Training Room (Room 730) for all high school students, parents and interested community members, so everyone can have a voice in choosing healthy food options.
- What is the Gunn policy regarding students who are chronically absent? The district is currently looking into this issue.

SITE COUNCIL BUSINESS

Next Site Council meeting is March 5, 2018 4pm-6pm in Staff Lounge - Kathy and Hannah will co-lead.

March Snacks: Kim Fenwick & Kathy Liu

Kim Fenwick moved to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.