

## GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

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### Minutes - APPROVED January 22, 2017 -- 4:00 PM

#### **Attending:**

Principal: Kathie Laurence

Staff Reps: Adriana Aro, ~~Myesha Compton~~, Darlene Feldstein, Kristina Granlund, Yukie Hikida, Joshua Little, Deanna Messinger

Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Kim Fenwick, Kathy Liu, Hanna Suh

Parent Reps: Jane Dick, Ani Gnanalingam, Liz Milner, Jen Schultz, Carolina Moraes Liu (alternate)

Visitors: Liz Matchett, Paul Sakuma, Alyssa Pama, Kendrick You, Yoyo Mei, Ashley Poon, Tara Firenzi

Meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by co-chair Ani Gnanalingam.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Liz Matchett, World Language Instructional Supervisor, addressed the Site Council regarding the CIEE scholarship award program. So far, for 2018, 15 Gunn students have received awards for 4-week summer language immersion programs in Germany, Spain, Portugal, and the Dominican Republic, and the average award was 33.6% of program costs. An additional scholarship deadline is approaching, so other Gunn students may apply.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Change: "Teacher care and sports" to "Teacher care and extracurriculars"

Correct spelling of Toni Smith's name.

#### **Constituency Representatives' Reports:**

##### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** by Kathie Laurence

Kathie reported on the Superintendent's RISE task force (Responsive Inclusive Safe Environment), which is focused on education for students, parents, and staff around OCR, Title IX, sexual harassment, and violence issues. Parents as well as District and high school staff are represented on the task force. Current projects include coordinating a speaker event at both high schools at assemblies to be arranged (for every student to attend) and working on district-wide strategic plan (for K-12).

Kathie also promised that data collected at our December Data Night will be shared out to all participants, and she thanked all who participated.

##### **PTSA REPORT** by Jen Schultz

PTSA's recent meeting included a presentation by DreamCatchers, which is looking for ways to reach potential student mentors at Gunn. Updates on the Superintendent's RISE committee and on the Gunn WASC process were also included in the meeting.

With donations higher than expected, PTSA board is recommending a PTSA budget increase of \$10,000 to support teacher professional development and to fund the bike program, ReCYCLED.

PTSA bylaws are being reviewed for updates. Proposed changes include the addition of both a student and a teacher rep on the Executive Board.

Nominating Committee is being convened to identify and recommend the slate for next year's Executive Board, which will be presented at the March meeting.

PTSA President Sigrid Pinsky attended the student input meeting (organized by Gunn's student representative to the PAUSD Board of Education, Advait Arun) along with Kathie Laurence, Interim Superintendent Karen Hendricks, Board member Melissa Baten-Caswell, Student Activities Director Lisa Hall, and members of the SEC, in addition to about 50 Gunn students.

The next PTSA meeting will be on February 8 at 8:45am. Agenda items include: Developmental Assets, Soft Skills Month, class size, mid-year goals review, proposed changes in Parent Education, and updates on both WASC and RISE.

## **PARENT REPORT**

There was no parent report this month.

## **SEC/STUDENT REPORT** by Hannah Suh

SEC has hosted several recent events including Cozy Snowmance before finals week and MLK, Jr. Day events on the Quad. Upcoming events include Titan Pride Week (formerly Not In Our Schools Week), focused on inclusion, diversity, and wellness; and Love Week, the week of Valentine's Day.

## **STAFF REPORT** by Deanna Messinger

Deanna presented a photo slideshow, highlighting recent events:

Director of Bands and Visual and Performing Arts Instructional Supervisor Todd Summers was awarded the national John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor Award at a ceremony in December.

Several Gunn students were recently honored in county and state Honor Bands.

Margo Davis, acclaimed photographer, spoke with Photography 1 students, funded by PTSA.

Two graphic design students provided designs for current Gunn projects/publications.

Art & Graphic Design teacher Mark Gleason currently has a solo art exhibition at a gallery in Davis.

There was an Open Studio for staff & students on December 12 for ceramics as well as drawing and painting), with pizza funded by District Art Education department.

8th annual Gunn TEDx conference was held on January 20 at Haymarket Theatre, planned and executed by 25-30 students with the guidance of teachers Jessica Hexsel and Eric Ledgerwood.

Two art students are currently leading a mural project to enhance the Custodians' lounge/office.

Kathie mentioned the Game of Throws free festival by Gunn & Paly Juggling Clubs, culminating in a (ticketed) gala on Saturday night.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **WASC Update** - Kathie Laurence

Kathie introduced Tara Firenzi, WASC Coordinator, and then led a review of the current draft of the WASC Report and the WASC Action Plan, seeking feedback on both to incorporate in the final, submitted report. Attendees worked in small groups to review Action Plan to identify any missing items or remaining questions. Groups then shared out what they thought could be added to the Action Plan. Tara captured comments for inclusion into the final documents. Additional comments are welcome until Thursday, January 25.

PARKING LOT (items to be discussed at future meetings):

Consensus supported inviting Gunn's Student Rep to the Board of Education, Advait Arun, to our next meeting to share information about the meeting he arranged between Interim Superintendent Hendricks and Gunn students.

### **SITE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Next Site Council meeting is on February 5 at 4:00pm in Staff Lounge.

Snacks provided by: Ani

Kathy Liu moved to adjourn the meeting, and meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.