

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes - DRAFT May 7, 2018

Attending:

Principal: Kathie Laurence
Staff Reps: Adriana Aro, Darlene Feldstein, Kristina Granlund, Yukie Hikida, Joshua Little, Deanna Messinger
Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Kathy Liu, Hanna Suh
Parent Reps: Jane Dick, Ani Gnanalingam, Liz Milner, Jen Schultz
Visitors: Mudita Jain, Glynn Edwards, Cristina Florea, Eric Her, Joshua Mei, Liz Matchett, Zoe Lew, Cindy Peters, Rachel Congress, Eli Tannenwald, Steve Ames, Joanna Hubenthal, Paul Sakuma

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by co-chair Adriana Aro.

Open Forum

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

Introductions

Current and Incoming Site Council representatives and visiting SEC officers introduced themselves. Kathie thanked the current and departing Council members and welcomed the new representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant requestors presented their requests for grants for the 2018-19 year and fielded questions:

- Cristina Florea presented the \$1800 BEAM grant request;
- Liz Matchett and Cindy Peters presented the \$645.59 Gunn garden grant request;
- Jack Ballard and Rachel Congress presented the \$10,000 PLC Lead Stipend grant request;
- Steve Ames presented the \$5000 Heart Rate Monitor grant request;
- Deanna Messinger presented the \$600 Campus Beautification grant request;
- Joanna Hubenthal presented the \$1744.95 Special Education and Focus on Success grant request.

Presenters were excused, and Kathie led a discussion of funding the requests.

Jen moved to approve the garden grant for \$650; it was seconded, and passed.

Jen moved to approve the PLC grant for \$10,000, with the caveat that the grantees create a plan for evaluation beyond self-reporting; it was seconded and passed.

Jen moved to approve the Heart Rate Monitor grant for \$5000; it was seconded and passed.

Kathie moved to approve the beautification project for \$600; it was seconded and passed.

Liz moved to approve \$800 for printing and \$200 for the venue (if not waived) for the BEAM grant; It was seconded and passed.

Jane moved to approve the Special Education and Focus on Success grant for \$1744.95 only if no other school funds are available AND that grantees present to Site Council a clear, agreed-upon security plan before October 1; it was seconded and passed.

During discussion, consensus was reached that:

- Future grant requests should not include refreshments or celebrations.
- Grants should be tied directly to the WASC plan and school goals.
- Grant process timeline should be shifted earlier, allowing one meeting for proposals and the next for decisions.
- Gunn programs should consider and evaluate the availability of parental/family contributions of time, materials, and monetary donations and include this information on any grant requests.
- Grant requests should include an evaluation plan (metrics of success beyond self-reporting).
- 2018-19 Site Council should revise the Grant Request form and Evaluation form/process in October 2018.

Constituency Representatives' Reports:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Kathie Laurence

There were 3 recent staff lunches hosted by PTSA and Gunn Foundation. Gunn Foundation gave 35 scholarships for approx. \$86,000. The Foundation is looking at new fundraising opportunities and models. Kathie thanked the Site Council for a good year.

PTSA REPORT by Jen Schultz

There will be a combined principals coffee/PTSA general meeting for this Thursday, May 9th at 8:30am, with agenda items including a draft calendar and budget for 2018/19. There will be a board transition event next week. Planning has begun for back to school packets. Upcoming bylaws revisions include adding a teacher and a student representative. PTSA will start a new moderated two-way communication platform on Facebook (in addition to the send-only parent networks). Staff Appreciation Week is this week and will include treats for staff on Tuesday morning.

PARENT REPORT by Liz Milner

There is discussion in the parent community about later start shift at Paly. There continues to be parent concern about theft. Kathie reported progress and may be able to update the school community soon. Some parents were also concerned about an inappropriate message that was sent via the UpToUs platform. PTSA has sent an apology and addressed the issue.

STUDENT REPORT by Arunim Agarwal

Recent SEC and student projects include the canned food drive (250 cans collected), Model UN competition in Davis, Carnival, and NSide Lands. New SEC members have been elected and appointed, with a transition training happening on Thursday. May is Wellness Month, with multiple stress-relief events happening, including a petting zoo event on campus. There will be a Quad Dance on May 18.

SITE COUNCIL BUSINESS

Next Site Council meeting will be in September.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting, and meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.