

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes - DRAFT September 11, 2017

Attending: *(strike-through denotes absence)*

Principal: Kathie Laurence
Staff Reps: Adriana Aro, ~~Myeshia 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: Advait Arun, Alexia Flojo, Paul Sakuma

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by co-chair Yukie Hikida.

Site Council members and attendees introduced themselves and signed up to bring refreshments to future meetings.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Constituency Representatives' Reports:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Kathie Laurence

Support dogs now come to the Wellness Center every Thursday. Back to School Night, dance, ice cream social, and solar eclipse events went very well. Superintendent McGee had office hours for students and teachers during Flex Time last week, and Kathie had Friday lunch (with no attendees, yet) and will continue. Safe & Welcoming Schools Day, which included wellness and SEL sessions, safety information and drills, and some technical sessions, was a good first trial of this new initiative with some attendance issues. Future plans to call for adding class-specific lessons each year (so sessions won't be repeated for students) and for increased, improved prior communication to students, staff, and parents.

PTSA REPORT by Jen Schultz

First PTSA meeting is this coming Thursday. PTSA is recruiting volunteers for Career Center, and parent network and principal coffees have been well attended. Questions and concerns remain for parents regarding the 1:1 technology program.

STAFF REPORT

There was no report. Deanna Messinger volunteered to gather staff report input prior to future meetings.

SEC/STUDENT by Kathy Liu

SEC has been very busy with Freshman orientation, Ice Cream Social, Back to School Dance, Fall Sports rally, Freshman elections, Homecoming assemblies (this year's theme: Around Town), with the Fall Club fair coming up soon. SEC and Wellness Center have been working together on Suicide Prevention month plans, including giving out wristbands which include the Crisis Text Line number.

PARENT REPORT by Liz Milner

There has been lots of online discussion about attendance on Safe & Welcoming Schools Day, especially for seniors. There was discussion about improved advance communication (to students, parents, and staff) and possible structures for a similar day (or sessions over several days) in the future. There has also been parent discussion on equity issues around and access to college prep and essay writing help and ways in which Gunn can be more supportive of the whole college application process. (Kathie mentioned that PSAT testing day will include workshops for seniors this year and that Naviance includes free test prep resources.) There is also some parent concern about seating availability in the Freshman quad, specifically during lunch. School administration is working on adding seating for all students, some of which was purchased by the PTSA and will be installed very soon.

SITE COUNCIL

Consensus was that co-chair structure should continue. Constituent groups met and elected the following co-chairs, who will serve as the agenda committee and share meeting chairing duties:

Principal: Kathie Laurence

Parents: Ani Gnanalingam

Students: Hanna Suh

Staff: Adriana Aro

Recorders: Jane Dick & Jen Schultz

Co-chairs will meet October 2 at 12:40pm in Kathie's office to set the October agenda.

Next Site Council meeting is on October 9 at 4pm in Staff Lounge. Agenda will include discussion of Site Council grants.

Kathy Liu moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.