

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes October 8, 2018

Attending:

Principal: Kathie Laurence
Staff Reps: Adriana Aro, Olga Celis, Kristina Granlund-Moyer, Derek Johanson, Yukie Hikida, Josh Little, Christina Woznicki
Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Kathy Liu, Erin Shaotran, Hanna Suh
Parent Reps: Glynn Edwards, Mudita Jain, Liz Milner, Jade Chao (alternate)
Visitors: Paul Sakuma, Catherine Ballantyne, Sara Ranck, Mala Anand
Absent: Jane Dick

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Kathie Laurence.

Open Forum

- a. Parent Tanya Berlaga regarding PSAT for Sophomores. Requested that from next year on, Sophomores be allowed to take the PSAT as practice for Junior year. Principal Kathie Laurence mentioned that Naviance has several practice SATs. **Follow up required.**
- b. Parent Catherine Ballantyne regarding Bike Rack Availability. She is working with Margaret Reynolds. It is clearly not a capacity issue, but a utilization issue. The racks at the village and the library are overused. Owners will figure out where racks can be put without violating fire code or interfering with parking. Student rep. Arunim mentioned that **students need an easier way to get from E. Charleston to the bike cages.**
- c. Parent Sara Ranck regarding College curriculum in SELF/Priming Questions: In freshman SELF the question was asked about who will go to college/who will go for vocational training. She found it uncomfortable and “priming.” Parent Jade Chao and Liz Milner voiced that SELF classes need to be monitored; they seem to not be accomplishing much. Parent Mudita Jain asked who designed the SELF college curriculum (was it our college counseling?), and what happened to the SELF curriculum that was supposed to be taught during the time that is now focused on college. **Action Item: Who designed the curriculum, and who has reviewed it. Kathie Laurence to follow up.**
- d. Parent Mala (sophomore) regarding vaping. Said Gunn bathrooms are full of smoke. Asked what the consequences were if students were caught vaping. Principal Kathie Laurence brought up progressive discipline: 1st referral – essay, 2nd referral – in school suspension and counseling, 3rd referral – out of school suspension. **Mala asked that these consequences be well advertised to students.** Principal Kathie Laurence also mentioned that the administration was working on putting up posters in the bathroom, and waiting for a district response. Parent Jade Chao mentioned that PTAC was working on parent ed.

OLD BUSINESS

Josh Little moved to approve May/September Site Council minutes. Olga Celis seconded. All approved.

- Kathie Laurence to follow up on results of lead testing for water.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathie gave an update on the Site Council budget:

We have \$24K in all, \$2K more than expected. For the BEAM celebration event in May, we got site fee waivers.

1. The timeline for grant applications was discussed. It was agreed that in Nov/Jan the grantees would come to the council to describe how they were progressing. Applications could be sent out in Feb., due in March, presentations in March, review in April.
 - a. Parent Glyn Edwards requested that we work on clarifying what is appropriate for a grant from site council. **Olga to put the grant application on Schoology.**
 - b. Parent Liz Milner voiced that ideally there would be one location/source of information that teachers could look to regarding what grants they can apply for, and when.
 - c. There was discussion around students applying for site council grants, they were directed to the PTSA grants, but Ms. Yukie Hikada pointed out that anyone with an idea that involved the whole school could apply. SEC has its own funds, so SEC applying for site council grants would be a stretch (the question was around replacing the mascot).
2. WASC Action Plan.
 - a. Gunn Athletic Advisory has started.
 - b. There is a new student/staff advisory council on cell phone use.
 - c. Discussion around how to incorporate student voice into WASC goals.
 - d. **Principal KL to send WASC metrics for council to look at.**
3. Site council agendas for the rest of the year:
 - a. Nov: Standards Based Grading, Grant Recipient presentations.
 - b. Dec.: data to be looked at: possibilities include CA dashboard, Challenge Success data, Schoology data.
 - c. Jan: SELF TOSAs and students to talk about SELF, look at SELF data, more Grant Recipient presentations, use of Schoology.

Constituency Representatives' Reports:

1. Teachers:
 - a. Nov. 12-14: 2 admin, 5 teachers attending Solution Tree's "All Things Assessment" Institute. Trying to figure out the "Gunn Way" of Standards Based Grading.
 - b. Dec. 1-5: 2 admin, 7 teachers attending "Learning Forward" conference.
 - c. Teachers having trouble with Naviance for letters of recommendation.
 - d. Video Production: Students won a top spot in a competition.
 - e. World Languages Dept.: There are \$50K in scholarships available: merit and need based, also for Social Service Credit.
 - f. Summer job fair at Gunn.
2. Parents: No PTSA report.
 - a. Need student input on vaping and early PSAT.
 - b. The college representative meeting room is too small, overflows for popular colleges.
3. Students:
 - a. SEC is busy with homecoming planning. Reaching out to teachers to be judges.
 - b. Question regarding SELF: how will it work next year, with Titan ambassadors in SELF also.

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

Discussion on putting the form for input of issues onto Site Council page on website (Olga/KL).

Motion to adjourn: Arunim. Second: Liz Milner. All approve.