

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes 3/4/2019

Attending:

Principal: Kathie Laurence

Staff Reps: Kristina Granlund-Moyer, Yukie Hikida, Adriana Aro, Olga Celis, Derek Johanson, Josh Little, Christina Woznicki

Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Erin Shaotran, Hanna Suh

Parent Reps: Jane Dick, Glynn Edwards, Mudita Jain, Liz Milner

Visitors: Paul Sakuma, Ed Corpuz, Gloria Xiao, Deana Messinger, Linda Kirsch.

Absent: Kathy Liu

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Arunim Agarwal.

Open Forum

No-one addressed the Site Council during Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- The Site Council heard presentations for new grant applications from Gloria Xiao, Mr. Corpuz, Deana Messinger, Linda Kirsch.
 - Gloria Xiao, Junior, presented a plan for a new 55 gallon aquarium in the Marine Biology class. The cost of this will be \$722. The objectives are to help students de-stress and for students to learn marine biology by learning how to look after an aquarium. In addition to setting up the aquarium, there will be a need to set up either a club and give students community service hours, or for the marine biology class students to maintain it. In the summer, an automatic feeder plus water changes thanks to maintenance should take care of it. The grant should include 3 years of upkeep.
 - Mr. Corpuz (teacher, Video production and Broadcasting) asked for Digital Audio Workstation software, Ableton Live Suite, which costs \$450 a pop, and we need 32 licenses to service a class. We need the software to run the Music production class optimally, else they will downgrade to a cheaper level. He plans to apply for Perkins funding also.
 - Ms. Messinger asked for money for the Digital Art Program, which she is working on with Ms. Kate McKenzie at Paly. Currently, Gunn has 5 year old iPads, she would like to upgrade them. She needs 30 iPads, at \$794 each, and 30 pencils at \$89 each. She needs both (cannot do without the pencils). These should last for another 5 years. Working with incoming freshmen, she believes these will serve about 300 students a year.
 - Linda Kirsch asked for 200 books at \$1.49 each. These are titled the Life Prep Academy, have a life-span of about a year and a half, and are very useful for first gen and immigrant parents.

- Ms. Laurence talked about Standards Based Grading. She is hoping for a Gunn adaptation of Standards Based Grading in about two years.
 - Ms. Laurence talked about how this changes the mindset from obligation to learning.
 - The Federal public schools (fwps.org) in Washington have adopted this.
 - There was a concern about how this affects college admissions -- unknown.
- The council discussed Site Council Election Preparations. The call for applications is to go up right away, with applications due on March 29th. The ballots would be up on April 9th, and voting open till April 26th. It will be advertised using Infinite Campus, PTSA, website, and Titan Talk.
- Student summer job fair on March 18th.
- \$1000 carryover from BEAM last year can be spent this year by the program.
- Gunn hosted a delegation of 28 educators from Vietnam on 2/28. They were looking at STEM. They visited the Maker Space, and Math and Science classrooms.
- Ms. Celis mentioned a Junior received a \$2500 scholarship for the CIE Global Navigator for studying in Japan.
- Arunim discussed the ASB elections, for which the applications were due today.

Next Site Council meeting is on Monday, April 15th at 4:00pm in Staff Lounge.
Snacks provided by:

Erin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43, all seconded, and meeting was adjourned.