

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes

4/15/2019 - approved 5/6/19

Attending:

Staff Reps: Yukie Hikida, Olga Celis, Derek Johanson, Josh Little, Christina Woznicki

Student Reps: Arunim Agarwal, Erin Shaotran

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

Visitors: Joshua Mei, Sohini Ashoke

Absent: Kathie Laurence, Adriana Aro, Hanna Suh, Kathy Liu, Kristina Granlund-Moyer

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Olga Celis.

Open Forum

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

OLD BUSINESS

Glynn moved to approve the February and March minutes as distributed. It was seconded and approved.

Deanna Messinger presented a report on the progress of her 2018 grant for the semi-permanent installation of artwork on campus pillars. Of \$600 grant, \$326.22 has been spent to date, for installation of 4 plexiglass frame structures on pillars at the back of the Little Theatre and on the Art Building. There have been issues with the District's installation (which was done at no cost to Gunn) that is causing warping of plexiglass and displacement of securing screws. Deanna is waiting for resolution with District before installing the remaining four.

NEW BUSINESS

The Site Council discussed the current grant applications and the following decisions were made, pending clarification of available budget total with Kathie Laurence:

- New 55 gallon aquarium in the Marine Biology class:
 - Arunim moved to approve the grant. It was seconded and failed.
 - Consensus supports the idea of this grant and would like this proposal to come back next year with the following information:
 - Specific plan for general maintenance and care
 - Specific plan for summer maintenance and care
 - Investigate location options on campus for wider audience
 - Outline of curriculum connections and buy-in from then-current Marine Bio teacher
- Digital Audio Workstation software (Ableton Live Suite):
 - Arunim moved to approve up to \$5383.51 to fund one-third of the requested grant amount. It was seconded and approved, with a request that the grant project report next year include information on opportunities for other departments/programs to use the software.

- iPads for Digital Art Program (already received grant from PTSA for \$2000):
 - Olga moved to approve up to \$13,077.19 to fund half of the remaining portion of this grant. It was seconded and approved.
- Life Prep Academy booklets
 - Jane moved to approve up to \$300 for this grant. It was seconded and approved.
- Total amount for approved grants (pending clarification of available funds): \$18,760.70

The Council discussed the SPSA draft provided by Kathie Laurence. Consensus supports the draft with the following input:

- Goal 1: Clarify wording on LEA Goal Statement and Basis for Goal.
- Goal 1: Be more explicit/specific regarding course alignment.
- Goal 2: AP/Honors measurements should be at both beginning and end of semesters (question: should we monitor success in classes, too, via grades/AP scores?)
- Goal 2: “Develop a culture” is not a strategy but a goal
- Goal 3: Baseline for outcomes should come from Challenge Success Surveys/SELF surveys
- Goal 3: Staff reports that there is currently not enough time in the day/school year for adequate Professional Learning for teachers (one example: to accomplish Biology course alignment coupled with adoption of NGSS standards and methods). Better, longer, professional learning times (in addition to PLCs) are needed, not during student time. SPSA should specify how/when we going to implement the goal of increased Professional Learning. (Is this an area of potential future Site Council grant funding?)

The council discussed the status of Site Council Elections:

- The parent representative nomination form had been posted on the website but no announcements about it were sent, so there have been no nominations yet. Olga reviewed the new plan:
 - The call for parent representative applications applications (with link to form) will go out through Infinite Campus on Tuesday, April 16 to all 2019-2020 Gunn parents with a deadline of April 23 (Olga);
 - The information will also be sent to the parent network coordinators, parent community Facebook group, etc. (current Parent Reps);
 - Notice of the election (with link to voting form) will be sent to all 2019-20 parents and posted on Site Council webpage on April 25, with election end date of May 2 (Olga);
 - The election information will also be sent to the parent network coordinators, parent community Facebook group, etc. (current Parent Reps);
- The call for teacher representative applications was sent out but no applications were received. Olga will resend on April 16, and current reps will encourage others to apply and suggest that Instructional Leaders encourage applications as well.
- Student representatives for next year’s sophomore, junior, and senior classes have been elected. Freshman rep will be elected early in the 2019-20 school year.
- Newly elected members will be encouraged to attend last Site Council meeting of the year on May 6.

ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh shared that he applied for and was chosen for a summer fellowship in a genetics research lab

at Stanford.

Yukie announced the World Language Awards Night on April 15 in Spangenberg Theater.

Liz inquired about CAST & CAASPP tests participation rates and technical/logistical issues. Council would like an update from Kathie in May.

Liz also raised a concern that BEAM program internships with external partners had some last-minute difficulties to align with District policies.

Next Site Council meeting is on Monday, May 6 at 4:00pm in Staff Lounge, with snacks provided by Kathie Laurence and Jane Dick.

Arunim moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:32pm, and the meeting was adjourned.