

GUNN HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

**Minutes
April 17th, 2017**

Attending:

<u>Staff Reps</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Parent Reps</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Student Reps</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>X</u>
Denise Herrmann	X	Jane Dick	X	Andrew Dong	X	Terry Godfrey	X
Adriana Aro	X	Ani Gnanalingam	X	Alvin Hom		Christian Cruz	X
Myesha Compton		Liz Milner	X	Kathy Liu	X	Tone Lee	X
Darlene Feldstein	X	Jen Schultz	X	Hanna Suh	X		
Yukie Hikida	X	Sunita Verma (alt)		Catherine Wang	X		
Deanna Messinger	X						
Jackie Selfridge							
Toni Smith	X						

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by co-chair Yukie Hikida.

The following visitor addressed the Site Council during Open Forum:

Terry Godfrey, PAUSD Board of Education Trustee, introduced herself and offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed. *(D. Herrmann moved, motion was seconded and approved.)*

NEW BUSINESS

School Improvement Plan

The Council discussed the proposed school improvement plan and previously-brainstormed actions for 2017-18. Council discussed, refined, and then ranked the prioritized Action Items. Denise will distribute the results in a finalized draft for the May meeting for endorsement.

Constituency Representatives' Reports

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise reported on:

1. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for counseling services for the secondary schools was sent out by the District. Long-time current provider, Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), declined to submit a proposal, stating that their preferred service model does not fit the District's desired service model.
2. CAASSP testing participation percentages went down this year, from roughly 40% to an estimated

25%. (Target is 95%.) Low participation eliminates some federal funding sources. Council briefly discussed possible issues and solutions, with further discussion tabled for a future meeting.

PTSA REPORT

Ani Gnanalingam reported on recent PTSA activities:

1. Awarded \$10,000 in Teacher Grants.
2. Elected PTSA Executive Board for next school year..
3. Upcoming events:
 - April 20 International Potluck (proceeds will go to Doctors Without Borders)
 - May 5 Principal and Superintendent Coffee
 - May 5 Staff Appreciation luncheon (Cinco De Mayo)
 - May 17 Appreciation Luncheon for staff and volunteers
 - May 30 & 31 Senior Picnic and Grad Night Party

STAFF REPORT

Toni Smith gave the staff report:

1. There is some staff concern about the later end time on Mondays and Wednesdays next year. (Denise has already met with PAEA reps on this issue.)
2. International Week this week- activities throughout week.
3. District is considering cutting the Art Coordinator position.
4. Superintendent's message about school sites reviewing proposed budget cut items. Denise noted a gap between budget discussions at Board meetings and budget discussions at sites.
5. Coaches stated difficulty because students get out of class before Coaches' PLC meetings finish. Denise directed that concerned coaches work with Miriam Stevenson and the Athletic Director to problem-solve, including using Assistant Coaches to supervise students during this brief gap.
6. PTSA has started installing water bottle filling stations & picnic tables around campus.
7. Gunn FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is going to Nationals this summer (17 students).
8. DECA (marketing/entrepreneurship club) is going to Nationals next week.

SEC/STUDENT

Andrew Dong reported on upcoming student events:

1. International Week this week (organized by the language dept. & cultural clubs)
2. FBLA to Nationals
3. Music Man this week at Paly Performing Arts Center
4. Spring Student Senate (forum with random selection of students) this week.
5. Prom - scholarships are available
6. Interviews for appointed SEC positions
7. Gunn Robotics Team preparing for competition

There was also a question about the timing of the announcement of the Flex & Student Advisory

Committee, which is going out to students next week.

PARENT REPORT

Liz Milner reported on the following parent issues:

1. CAASSP testing questions and concerns.
2. Concern about Auto Shop course cuts. Denise explained that courses are funded based on actual course registration. 74 students requested Auto 1 or 2, and every student was accommodated. Unfortunately, this is down one section from last year.

Ani Gnanalingam requested that the Senior photo vendor have some on-campus photo dates in the fall for next year's senior portraits. Denise will forward the request.

SITE COUNCIL

Three Site Council grant proposals have been submitted. Denise will circulate them for review before the May meeting, at which we will make our funding decisions. Denise will also bring project budget for 2017-18 to the May meeting.

Staff Site Council elections will be held in coming weeks. Parent rep elections are open now.

We will continue discussion/brainstorming of CAASP testing participation.

Adriana Aro mentioned a concern about the number of "single-use" t-shirts for events, which we will discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting May 8th at 4pm in Staff Lounge.

Kathy moved (and Hanna seconded) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.