

## Gunn Site Council Meeting Monday, February 6, 2017

Next Meeting: 03/06/17 at 4pm in the Staff Lounge

**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		Andrew Dong	x	Adavit Arun	
Adriana Aro	x	Ani Gnanlingam		Alvin Hom	x	Paul Sukuma	
Myesha Compton		Liz Milner	x	Kathy Liu	x		
Darlene Feldstein	x	Jen Schultz		Hanna Suh			
Yukie Hikida	x	Sunita Verma (alt)	x	Catherine Wang			
Deanna Messinger							
Jackie Selfridge							
Toni Smith	x						

Meeting was called to order at 4:07pm by co-chair Kathy Liu.

**Open Forum**

No open forum topics or visitors

**Old Business**

The minutes of the 01/09/17 meeting were approved as distributed

**School Improvement Updates**

Dr. Herrmann, Preparation for WASC/SPSA Report to BOE

- Review of Resource: Goal, Strategies, What's implemented, what should be implemented
- Council to spend 30 minutes reviewing and giving feedback regarding Goals.
- Instruction

**Constituent Group Reports:**

Denise Herrmann gave the Principal's Report. Topics included:

- Instructional Minutes: Internal and External audit of minutes
  - Glitch in Elementary instructional minutes led to audit of HS minutes.
  - Normal 5, 4, & 3 day schedules would account for 65,000+ instructional minutes (enough to fulfill our requirements)

- However, early release and other events reduced instructional minutes
- Additional instructional minutes are being built into future schedules
- We are currently 23 hours behind in instructional minutes.
- Since we are trying to fix the issue, the State may be understanding of the oversight
- Creative Bell Schedule committee is working on the issue; incorporating logical early release days.

Ani Gnanlingam gave the following updates from the PTSA:

Principal's Coffee:

- PRocess/Results of SEL Curriculum
- Status updates regarding GPAs, etc.
- Over 75 parents attended
- Bus schedule discussion

Staff Appreciation Lunch (Lunar New Year)

Linda Duang

Gunn Honorary Service Awards (5/17)

PTA donation surplus of \$23k; would like to spend it in the current school year.

Toni Smith gave the Staff Report. Topics included:

- Lunar New Year Luncheon from PTA:
  - THANK YOU!
- Bell Schedule
  - Many questions (24+)
  - Against 90 min periods
  - Would like to align w/current schedule
- Course selections: Happening Now
  - Math dept advising students individually if possible
  - Elective teachers gave brief plugs in math classes
- PIE Donations
  - College/Career Center concerned about loss of funds
  - Concerns about article in *Palo Alto Weekly*
- Testing
  - Toni recommends that teachers proctor the SAT so that they can see the change in the test
  - AMC test happening Tuesday, 2/7 (Largest Group Ever)
- Water Filling Stations?
- Red benches/Social Space "facelift"?
- Yukie reports that she and Kathy Liu attended "Super Site Council" at district.
  - Discussion of updating bylaws for consistency across district

- Choir Musical 2/7, 2/8, 2/9
- Clash of the Titans in March
- DECA/FBLA success!

Kathy Liu gave the Student Report. Topics included:

- MLK Assembly two weeks ago
  - Lovely poem
  - Community member promoted book about race
- Love week next week
- Winter Dance is at the end of February
- TEDx is on 2/23/17

Liz Milner gave the Parent Report. Topics included:

- Parent feedback collection method changed, so not much feedback
- Parents have many questions about Bell Schedule Change
  - Esp. impact on athletes
  - Parents/students are not in favor of earlier start time

**Site Council Business**

Denise Herrmann

- Budget review*
- Site Council Duties:*
- Round Robin.*
- Approve the minutes.*

**Future Meetings**

- Evaluations to be scheduled for March Meeting

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