

SSC Meeting 12.12.19

Meeting began at 3:15

Notes were taken by Alex Sudmann (student)

Members in Attendance:

Cindy Smith (Teacher)

Sean Ryan (Teacher)

Charles Kertesz (Teacher)

Beth Papp (Staff)

Patrick Miller (Principal)

Seth Jacobson (Parent)

Lili Foster (Parent)

Kellye McKinna (Community Member)

Alex Sudmann (Student)

Bella Howe (Student)

Additional People:

NONE

3:15-Welcome and approve minutes from 11/21/19

Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed and corrected with one minor revision. The minutes were approved

3:20-School Announcements – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed Model UN followed by a short discussion regarding the census year. The calendars were approved for the next three years. The current spending issue was discussed. Finals are coming up next week. Mr. Jacobson brought up the importance of the next PTA meeting and discussed what will go on during that meeting.

3:30-PTSA News Announcements – PTSA representative: Lili Foster

Mrs. Foster was happy about the new PTSA for middle school. She discussed the hope for new bylaws and board by June. A quick discussion about new meeting time and its success was brought up. Lastly, there was a brief discussion about parking for PTSA meetings.

Old Business

3:35-Student Voice Survey Update – Bella & Alex

Bella discussed the extra work done on the student survey. New times for each “average” were calculated. The time was outlined. Mr. Miller discussed the later start time option. Concerns were raised about a later start time having consequences for students. Mr. Miller brought up adjusting schedules and repetitive homework. Bella raised a question regarding if teachers have conversations with each other regarding schedules of exams, etc. Mr. Kertesz brought up that homework levels could be upped in freshman year and how relevant important work is needed. Mr. Kertesz Also brought up how students are very happy to come back to Malibu High after seeing other schools. Mr. Miller talked to changing the new bell schedule and its unlikeliness to occur prior to mandatory change. There was a brief discussion about where the minutes could be taken from and how that would shift things around. (Might be added to the next council agenda.)

3:40-Positive publicity per Kellye question

Ms. Smith quickly discussed the new things being done in regards to publicity. She suggested that someone from the PTA should spearhead this. Mr. Jacobson discussed adding more people to the list. The local papers are always looking for content. Mr. Miller discussed the need for someone to be in charge of the press and spread things out to people in charge of the activities. Sports, club advisors, etc.. The SharkFund Facebook needs to be updated and kept up to date. Miller discussed the other social media channels that are important. Mr. Jacobson discussed the need to create content and possibly get an intern from Pepperdine. Mr. Miller discussed Shark TV. Mr. Miller brought up KBU and Hans Letz. Jacobson discussed the opportunity to start something with KBU during drop off. It will be revisited to see who has been contacted and what has changed in regards to it.

New Business

4:00-Challenge Success/HW Policy “holes” – Seth & Kellye

Mr. Jacobson discussed the background of the homework issue, some setbacks some strides. Mr. Jacobson talked about relating it to SPSA and DOK and how to relate information to parents about the HW. Kellye discussed the difficulty in planning curricula and have students know why they are doing something. The importance of having students learn how to synthesize etc. Jacobson added that homework should be done under the DOK rubric. There is a thought to hosting something for parents so they can be more engaged in the homework process. Kellye added that the teachers should be the ones to present this information. Mr. Miller discussed how homework considerations overlap with the current list and seeing what works and what should be highlighted and prioritized. Using tips and recommendations and DOK work to have revised the policy to staff and go from there. Update for homework policy added to the schedule for the January meeting. Mr. Jacobson addressed the teachers to see if this seems like it would work. Mr. Ryan discussed how teachers would be defensive towards the new homework policy. There was a discussion regarding the importance of how the information is presented and how it would ultimately effect the success of the new homework plan. The block schedule was discussed by the teachers.

4:15-History Department Share Out – Sean

Mr. Ryan discussed the current use of the DOK plan in homework and test along with new textbooks and the use of new textbook materials. There was a good teacher response to new materials. Mr. Ryan brought up an issue that lots of digital resources present a bit difficulty to tie to current plans. Mr. Ryan discussed the good interdepartmental work that still allowed teachers to be individual. A conversation regarding the addition of an AP class occurred. The concerns involved small student basis accounts for difficulty in the addition of a new class. Mr. Miller discussed the current student to teacher ratios and how that played out in a classroom. The current engineering class was discussed briefly. Mr. Jacobson asked a question regarding how student response would be valued in the conversation regarding addition AP classes. Mr. Ryan then discussed how the surveying process might work to introduce a new AP class.

4:30-CSSP: Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the current numbers for the safety surveys. He discussed that there were no standouts in terms of any kind of bullying. The data largely shows that students are not scared of going to school and they don't fear being bullied. Mr. Miller mentioned that the number one location where students are worried about bullying is in class with the teachers in the room. The task of data safety climate was discussed. Mr. Miller had the group look and list on paper what the priorities in terms of safety and the different categories. Discussed the different categories and what might fit into each of them. The group then went around to the papers and wrote what they think should go under each of the categories.

4:40 Adjourn-officially ended.