



# California High School

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## Minutes for School Site Council Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

**Time: 3:20 – 5:00**

**Location: CHS Library**

**In Attendance:** Andira Fara-Desouky, Rosanne Fissore, Shannon Banta, Mark Ogne, Jackson Konkle, Billy Piggott, Hareem Shaikh, Neil Thomas, Shirley Darroch, Brian Hampton, Colleen McQuay, Janice Saiki, Vinita Battu, Demetrius Ball, Donna Montague

1. Call to Order  
The School Site Council meeting of March 13, 2024 was called to order at 3:25.
2. Approval of [SSC Minutes of February 14, 2024](#)  
The minutes of the February 14, 2024 School Site Council meeting were approved (Thomas/Piggott 11/0/1).
3. Academic Leadership - Regina Lyon
  - What is it: Student tutors
  - Support special day class, Academic Enrichment, Academic Studies, any subject classrooms and students  
by teacher request during periods 1 and 2
  - Help support the learning labs during tutorial
  - Train students how to tutor, how people learn, microaggressions, shifting learning and mindsets and bridging educational barriers
  - Working to match the tutors with specific skill sets and knowledge bases with students who need specific support or request a specific tutor
  - From the student perspective, empowering students, building soft skills
  - Students can support other students in ways that teachers cannot - relatability
  - Learning labs: math, science, Spanish
  - As an instructor, seeing growth in the tutors and the connections they build in classrooms and with students who are often hesitant and reluctant to work with a tutor
    - seeing students (both tutors and students) building confidence in themselves
  - Working to make the feedback for the tutors more specific
4. Financial Report
  - \$96,000 in February, currently at \$80,000
  - Spent \$15,967
  - Helped with registration costs for Mock Trial state championship
  - Staff Development Requests
  - Departments are spending down their allocations
  - Curriculum Leaders will be submitting their second semester stipend requests

- Question for follow up - how much was spent for hourly teacher pay to supervise detention and the cost of now holding detention two days a week

5. [Feedback from Vivid Vision](#)

Being in an environment where mental health is valued can encourage people to come to school  
Sees how approaches to things can change how they go about things  
Observing different categories of types of responses

6. Schoolwide Activities Discussion

-Conversation about reviewing traditions, thinking about events and activities we have, what changes could be made, what are ideas and activities we don't do that we could consider doing, etc. Are we hitting everyone? Does everyone have an opportunity to participate in something?  
-Rallies - are there things we're doing we have to continue doing or something to try that's new - a new idea or opportunity?  
- Some people don't feel represented at rallies or feel like it is a waste of time and don't care about them. Idea - make rally more of an after school activity thing, food trucks, and more of an event  
- More cultural diversity, more collaborations with clubs, student performances  
- Some schools have cultural rallies. What is included or could be done to showcase students and culture?

7. Bell Schedule Feedback

- What are the things people like and don't like about the current schedule?  
- Tutorial was moved to period 1 and 2 this year. Some people prefer it periods 3 and 4 to have extended time into lunch. Others prefer it earlier in the day so they can use the time to prepare for a test or assignment later in the day. Some see benefits and downsides to either time period.  
- For tutorial, there doesn't feel like there is enough time this year. Last year it felt like there was a lot of space and time  
- Community building or time once a week or once every two weeks for a type of homeroom or time to have the surveys, drills, slides, announcement, etc. on a planned and regular basis - students would not then go to a different classroom on that day  
- Friendly competitions

8. [SARC](#)

Feedback and questions for follow-up

System inspections: Facility Overall Rate = Fair was concerning. Intrigued and scared by the rating on certain areas - especially electrical Is this a hazard that needs to be addressed? .

- Poor rating for interior surfaces and electrical were especially concerning, fair rating for fire safety and hazardous materials is also noteworthy  
- People who travel to other schools for events have noticed that our site can look more run down.  
- CTE good to see 30.3% of CHS students complete a CTE program and earn a high School diploma. Good also to see the variety and number of ROP and CTE courses offered at CHS.  
- Noticed that 35.4% of students are taking an AP class.  
- Reviewing the suspension data - what leads to suspensions? There is a fairly low and consistent number of suspensions and expulsions. It would be interesting to see this in comparison to other schools in the district.

- Not an insignificant number of teachers who are misassigned or teaching outside of their credential. What support are they given?
- Noticed that for CAASPP scores, males and females in math have similar proficiency rates (females 50% met or exceeded standard, males 53.97%) but in ELA, there is a broad gap ((females 82.99% met or exceeded standard, males 69.46%). Interested in causes of this disparity.
- Chronic absenteeism - seeing it coming down after the first years returning from remote learning. Would like to see if the measures and follow-up in place this year with a dedicated TSA make a demonstrable difference.
- Chronic absenteeism, final count 416 at a rate of 14.3, higher than expected
- Note - on the list of AP classes it does not show that we offer two AP Computer Science classes at CHS. Can this be updated for future reports?
- Noticed that for a school of our size, we have a low number of student support services staff
- CAASPP, CAST for science. There's a lot of testing. Seniors don't take CAST seriously.

#### 9. Principal's Report

- Attended Mock Trial competition - blown away by their preparation
- Incoming 9th grade night - excellent attendance
- CAASPP testing for juniors
- Prom buses this year- a new idea from a parent that they are trying - have two buses
- Course selection process - counselors are meeting with students, students are putting in course selection requests for next year
- No school Friday, March 15
- Video screen working of the first floor of the main building for announcements

#### 10. Student Reports

Jackson Konkle:

- Lip Sync, Seniors won
- Crab Feed, music fundraiser
- Prom is this weekend
- Senior Ball is April 13
- Promposal competition

Billy Piggott -

- Mock Trial made state
- NHS meeting was yesterday
- Marching band is off-season, sending out things to gauge interest

Jae Smith

- GSA Summit Meeting at the School District

Neil Thomas

- Record turnout for Lip Sync
- Jackson and Neil won
- Grizzly Madness
- Leadership applications

Hareem Shaikh

- April 13 is Senior Ball
- Prom ticket pick ups going on this week

11. Other

12. Public Comment

13. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2023-2024

Time: 3:20– 5:00

CHS Library

2nd Wednesday of Each Month

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Wednesday, May 8