

Tamalpais High School Site Council
Wednesday May 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: *Sophia Ferro, Darla Deme, Luc Chamberlain, Grace Becker, Theo Koffman, Avi Perkoff, J.C. Farr, Alyssa Sandner, Kelli McGiven, Michelle Muir, Suzi Andrews*

Guests: *Elaine Wilkinson (THF), Samantha Ferro, Maddie Ashe, Elizabeth Stoner*

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle Muir

Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes: *Motion* to approve agenda; motion carries. Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Public Comment: Elaine Wilkinson reported on THF preparations for the next school year. New teacher rep and student rep to be selected. Elaine also concerned that off-campus end-of-the season team parties are not subject to school policies regarding alcohol, etc. JC Farr will look into policy that the parties must be held on campus.

Sex Education Curriculum (Samantha Ferro & Maddie Ashe): Students Samantha and Maddie have each written an article for the school paper regarding sexual issues faced by students and the current sex ed curriculum. From their interviews and research, Samantha and Maddie have reached the conclusion that the current curriculum should be extended to include more students than it currently does. They also feel that the curriculum should be broadened to cover more current subjects, such as the definition of sexual assault and sex/social media. They stress the need for consistency in the training and the need to make sure that those presenting the curriculum are comfortable with the information they are presenting. JC Farr will speak to teacher leaders about the best way to change roles and update the curriculum.

Math Data (Elizabeth Stoner): The group heard from Elizabeth about her work with Marin Promise, where she focuses on college readiness throughout Marin and 9th grade math in Marin City. Placement and performance in the appropriate classes and intervention programs are key to whether a student feels that college is an option. Marin Promise tracks student performance through the various readiness and math programs and publishes report cards on its website. Math performance in THS schools is lower than they would like to see but working on connecting 8th grade math to high school math, creating a District Math Task Force, and working through a Math Summer School program can help. Elizabeth will email her full presentation to the group.

Principal's Report (J.C. Farr): JC updated plans for the upcoming school year, including new hires, master schedule, cell phone policy, and new curriculum/classes. He asked the group to plan to meet in June to review the school site plan. Teachers will not vote on a new bell schedule this year – it will need to wait until next year. Plans for end of year celebrations are under discussion. As for budget concerns, JC mentioned that although THS will lose their teacher leaders next year, other items like the Wellness Center and librarian will remain in place.

Teacher Report: Teachers are in the process of restructuring some things due to the loss of the teacher leader program. AVID is expanding and taking more students for the coming year.

Student Report: June 1st is OutsideTam. Scheduled to have eight bands, food trucks and games.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Andrews
Recording Secretary