

Tamalpais High School Site Council
Wednesday October 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: *J.C. Farr, Grace Backer, Luc Chamberlin, Alyssa Sandner, Ben Cleaveland, Carol Craft, Michelle Muir, Matt Wulfstat, Chris Adams, Sonia Saltzman, Tessa Pares*

Guests:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Matt Wulfstat

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

Public Comment: Elaine Wilkinson from Tam High Foundation shared updates on the progress of Measure J and the need for more volunteers. Coalition of Sensible Tax Payers endorsed Measure J. Update on the latest Schools Rule funding and the 15 % increase from last year; every student in Marin benefits from the program.

Closing the Achievement Gap: Data Dive and Review of R1 Grades & Testing Results led by J.C. Farr: Analyze with a protocol lens the Spring 2018 CAS results in math, Smarter Balance test, and R1 grades to give us a snapshot of where we are and how we might proceed. J.C. introduced the group protocol to look at data school and district wide, including breakdowns by school, gender, ethnicity and grade level. Trends, growth, challenges, and surprises were discussed. J.C. articulated the goal of unpacking and constructive analysis. Creating a focused survey to dig deeper into 2 or 3 specific areas emerged as a useful tool; representative stake holders shared useful observations and insights. Next step includes reaching out to specific departments about what they perceive as the most reliable or best data.

Principal's Report (J.C. Farr): This coming Friday is a *Feel Good Friday* community builder with food trucks at lunch time. The THF sponsored an impressive Youth Leadership Training at the Community Center for 150 students. This event included impressive student participation from Link Crew, AVID, SOAR, and Leadership students. J.C. reported that the event contributed to a sense of mutual respect and was a springboard for future conversations. J.C. reports the full complement of Assistant Principals is now complete.

Teacher Report: Living Earth course of study about to launch. Honors Adv Frama 5-8 course is now UC approved. Freshmen advisory now a school organization. Grace expressed concern over the missing Teacher Leader program and how there was a feeling of being disjointed. Ben remarked on the feeling of a narrower independent subject matter focus or section focus, rather than a cohesive school wide or department wide focus since we lost the TL program.

Student Report: Leadership student Chris reported that the Youth Leadership Conference greatly impacted his outlook and perspective on gender and race and was well received by his peers. Tam Unity Day is progressing with teacher0student volleyball match and food trucks.

Classified Report: Appreciation that front office Clerk's position has been filled. Challenge faced with lack of subs for Classified workers, when someone is absent there can be a 2-3 day back up or work due to lack of a sub pool. Classified staff is interested and committed to developing a recycling plan.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Cleaveland
Recording Secretary