

Minutes

January 30, 2023 - 3:30 PM – Virtual

School Site Council Meeting

Present:

- Keely Hardage – Principal
- Alex Cardenal – Assistant Principal
- Anabel West – Chairperson
- Judi Opager – Recording Secretary
- Laura Fischer – Staff
- Carmen Fraga – Teacher
- Carol Takano – Teacher
- Kurt Burgner – Teacher
- Carissa Baumhart – Parent
- Yoko Mack – Parent
- 6th Grade – Melissa Mack

Having a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM

Motion to approve the Minutes from October 22, 2022, was made, seconded, and carried.

Principal's Update:

- Dr. Hardage reviewed the following items with the School Site Council
- Reviewed was the importance of striking the right academic, social, and emotional balance with students.
- Our Student of the Month assemblies are very well attended by parents.
- Upcoming events at school include:
 - Future Mustang Night on January 31st whereby all incoming 6th grade parent/student from all our feeder school as well as current students and parents have been invited.
 - Our first all school dance, “Palentines Day” in several years will be held on campus on Friday, February 10th with a DJ, photo booth, commitment table, game room, e-game room, and snacks for sale.
- Teacher’s PLC is constantly in the forefront with each teacher’s commitment and dedication towards meeting all essential standards.
- 2022 School Dashboard Report is now available with State Accountability Measured Scores including new baselines/metrics/local and state indicators.
- Also reviewed were both ELA and Math standards and how students performed.
- Reiterated with Magruder’s core belief that all students can learn at a higher level.

- Reviewed was Magruder's Suspension Rate (we are at 'medium') with very few 2nd time offenders.
- Reviewed was absenteeism which, in large part due to COVID's continuing impact was "high"
- Reviewed was English Language Learner Rate which was 57.1% higher.
- All school current demographics have been reviewed and posted.
- Reviewed with the need for alternative discipline measures.
- Reviewed was the CAASP testing with incentive for improvement through PBIS and iReady testing.
- Reviewed were absentee problems with after-school intervention programs. It is very difficult to make phone calls every day to every absent student's parents so more tangible rewards for student attendance were discussed such as credits at the school store, front of the line passes, extra study pages in Math, etc.
- Dr. Hardage noted that the SPSA is a working document and encouraged the SSC members to review it for changes. She further noted that, for instance, we will probably need to increase the PBIS budget because it is becoming such an integral part of positive reinforcement for students.
- Reviewed was the success of the Accelerated Math Summer Program which will be a part of our summer program in 2023.

Staff/Parent/Student Review:

- Mrs. Fraga stated that after-school intervention programs continue to be successful and that the money that has been invested in these programs has been 'paying off' by building vocabulary, increasing reading comprehension, Achieve3000, and Learning A-Z programs. She also stated that 17 students participated in the Summer Slide Reading Program very successfully, and she is also building the classroom's library with the funds. The achievement students make in these programs go toward supplementing learning in other core subjects such as Social Studies and Science.
- Mr. Cardenas reviewed Magruder's comprehensive School Safety Plan including protocols and procedures in disaster preparedness such as earthquakes, hazardous air, and active shooter drills. Mr. Cardenas also reviewed the school assessments and noted there has been a 25% decrease in incidents this year as well as a decrease in absenteeism.
- It was noted that there is a student/staff response drill every quarter with a 'hidden' drill (no prior notice given to staff or students) coming up.
- Mr. Cardenas reviewed the school's dress code and that it is in keeping with TUSD District mandates which prohibit dress displays underwear or that would in any way promote sex, drugs, alcohol, violence, guns, etc.
- It was noted that the 1st quarter assembly given by Torrance Police on the safe use of social media and its inherent dangers was very successful, and we are hopeful to have this assembly again in the second semester. The students will also have an

assembly at the beginning of the second semester reviewing what our school expectations are from every student.

- It was noted that the numbers on the blacktop need to be repainted.
- Mr. Cardenas noted the vital importance it is to have PTSA and Parental support in these and all other student-related areas.
- A motion was made to approve Magruder's School Safety Plan with all changes. Motion was seconded and carried.
- It was noted that students need more places on campus to be able to just sit and socialize during lunch because the lunch benches are off limits once the students are done eating.
- Mr. Burgner asked the SSC to review getting mirrors back in the students' bathrooms. They had been taken out due to vandalism, but he noted that it's a small but very significant thing for students to have.

Having no further business, the motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.