

# CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## SITE COUNCIL

### MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 21, 2016

8:30AM

#### I. Call Meeting to Order

*Angela Chomokos*

- Dr. C called meeting to order at 8:41. Present: Jessie Petrillo, Kelly Lantz, Maria Petrillo, Melissa Lewis, Cheryl Joseph, Angela Chomokos, Chris Woolf, Monisha Patel.

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

*Angela Chomokos*

- Melissa Lewis moved to approve the agenda Melissa Lewis, Maria Pastorini seconded.

#### III. Update Notebooks

*Angela Chomokos*

- Updated notebooks with new materials

#### IV. Review/approve 2016-17 By-laws

*Angela Chomokos*

- Reviewed proposed By-laws which are same as last year's. Dr. C highlighted the purpose of the Site Council and that the Site Council follows an Open Meeting forum. Highlighted the membership.
- Chris Woolf moved to approve the 16-17 By-laws as presented, and Melissa Lewis seconded.

#### V. Nominate and Elect:

*Angela Chomokos*

- A. Co-Chairperson - Cheryl motioned to nominate Monisha Patel and Maria Pastorini seconded. **Will vote at next meeting because a quorum was not present.**
- B. Secretary - Maria Pastorini nominated Jessie Petrillo and Chris Woolf seconded. **Will vote at next meeting because a quorum was not present.**

#### VI. Student Council Updates

*Gary Thompson*

- No Student Council members present, so there was no report.

#### VII. FFO Updates

*Monisha Patel*

- Costco fundraiser coming up 10/26. Lower response from teachers than expected.
- Many items requested are not carried by Costco. Next year, FFO can request them to offer the items if they have enough time beforehand to order.
- The flyer must be downloaded and shown to Costco cashier, can't be a copy. Cheryl will re-send Costco flyer to parents and staff.
- Grad night, directory and gift card sales going well.

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- Cheryl will send Gift Card flyer to staff in an email and in the Flash.

## VIII. School Update

*Angela Chomokos*

### A. School Updates

- 121 families participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. Had more families come in for conferences, but attended less conferences than last year.
- Are looking for alternatives to 10 minute P/T conferences all at once. Looking to set up a different structure for future.
- Chris Woolf reported that a 10 min. conference is not long enough to address parent concerns. She would like to see evening slots because it's difficult for parents to attend during the day. Dr. C expressed her concern that we already ask teachers to work outside of their regular workday for many events such as curriculum nights. It is unrealistic to ask teachers to work more time outside of their regular work hours than they already do. Parents can always request a longer conference with a teacher at a different time.
- Monisha reported that when they have their evening FFO meetings to accommodate parents who cannot attend during the daytime, they have extremely low attendance and parents leave after the speaker is done.

### B. Accountability Report

*Jessie Petrillo*

- Took time to review the report. Discussed the report and asked for questions. Discussed AP results. Kelly would like to see the percentage of students taking the AP test increase.
- Too much emphasis is made on the score they earn on the test and many students don't take it or are not encouraged to take it because they think they will get a low score.
- As the percentage of students taking the test increases, the scores generally go down.
- Philosophical differences on why we should encourage students to take the test - Academic Mindsets, College Applications, Senioritis all play into this.
- CFHS wants to encourage students to take the test and prepare for the test.
- It's also an economic burden as the tests are \$90 each. There are scholarships from College Board and payment plans available.
- Jessie highlighted AzMERIT testing.
- Chris requested her son's test scores and Jessie said any parent who requests test scores receive them, but district has not been good at sending scores out. Counseling dept is working on improving this.
- Dr. C reported that she has received 2 phone calls from other districts congratulating CFHS on our high AzMERIT scores. Dr. C gave accolades to our Math Dept on how well their teaching practices have transformed our students into extremely high Math scores on AzMERIT. These best practices begin in Kindergarten.
- Jessie reports that they have revised the AzMERIT testing calendar this Spring to preserve

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more class teaching time. Challenges this year are the dates of Spring Break and Passover and window of time given by the state.

- Dr. C will bring up to the District Calendar Committee that Spring Break take place in March next year, not April. Monisha requested this.

#### **IX. Call to Public**

*Angela Chomokos*

*Individuals who wish to address the site council are requested to complete a blue card. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda, however the topic may be placed on a future agenda. The Council requests that all comments be limited to three minutes or less.*

#### **X. Closure**

*Angela Chomokos*

- *Cheryl Joseph motioned to adjourn at 10:06, seconded by Jessie Petillo.*

*Upcoming meetings:*

*November 18, 2016*

*February 17, 2017*

*March 17, 2017*

*April 21, 2017*