

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 9, 2016

8:30AM

I. **Call Meeting to Order**

Angela Chomokos

- Dr. C called meeting to order at 8:33.
- Present: Jessie Petrillo, Maria Pastorini, Melissa Lewis, Cheryl Joseph, Angela Chomokos, Monisha Patel, Tess Chua, Gary Thompson, Peris Lopez, Maya Partha, Bassil Ramadan, Mark Rubin Toles, Shay Mac Ban, Chris Woolf, and Jay Christopher.

II. **Approval of the Agenda**

Angela Chomokos

- Monisha Patel moved to approve the agenda, Maria Pastorini seconded.

III. **Elect Co-Chairperson and Secretary:**

Angela Chomokos

- A. Vote on Co-Chairperson - Monisha Patel was nominated at last meeting, but no vote taken due to lack of quorum. **Melissa Lewis moved to appoint Monish Patel as co-chairperson, Maria Pastorini and Mark Rubin Toles seconded.**
- B. Vote on Secretary - Jessie Petrillo was nominated at last meeting, but no vote taken due to lack of quorum. **Mark Rubin Toles moved to appoint Jessie Petrillo as secretary , Maria Pastorini seconded.**

IV. **School Improvement / Strategic Plan**

Angela Chomokos

- Mark presented on the Strategic Plan.
- Thought about and discussed ways we have seen CFHS work to help students achieve at high levels, develop academic mindsets and habits and pursue deep learning, and communicate with families.
- Achieve at high levels:
 - Jay brought up how important it is for teachers to use innovative/various kinds of methodology to engage with students (gave example of Gary's puppeteering assignment).
 - Maria gave an example of how the math department stays after school to help students
 - Melissa stated that the rubric system pushes students to always push to the next level. "Not done just because you passed" mindset
 - Peris-- grade replacement opportunities; allows students to build upon knowledge and show improvement to teachers.
- Academic mindsets/habits
 - Maya: use what you learned in one class and transfer to another. Skills learned in one class can be used in another

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- Melissa: each student provided with a planner to support their learning
- Communication
 - Cheryl: weekly Falcon Flash for parents
 - Dr. C: will soon start sending Flash to 8th grade parents
 - Gary: Open House night, Curriculum (Open House) Nights. Elaborated on feedback from parents regarding these. Use of VUE to more easily communicate with parents. Additionally, AP nights coming in spring.
 - Monisha and Tess: questioned how universal the VUE communication is; some departments and teachers better than others.
 - Maria: counselor e-letter to parents and students.
 - Dr. C: new district/school websites as of November 1. Have had some problems, but trying to keep information updated. Also, CFHS Facebook page (with Julie Farbarik) to be linked to Alumni page and Twitter account to provide more information.
- Each of above three steps helps us pursue goals: reduce gap between current and desired achievement (literacy, numeracy, and transfer), raise engagement of students so they are highly motivated to set and achieve increasingly challenging goals for deep learning (academic mindsets and DLPs), and partner with families and community to achieve our strategic priorities (regular and meaningful communication about student learning).
- Reporting on 5 aspects this year: Numeracy, Transfer, Academic Mindsets, Communication, DLPs. Data Teams primary engines to measure progress for Numeracy, Transfer, Academic Mindset. Each department has one DLP they are explicitly assessing (though they all teach each of them). All teachers maintaining Synergy gradebook/calendars and adding assignments early, as well as ensuring grade/rubric alignment to help parents navigate the gradebooks.
- Members of Site Council each reviewed one of the three Deep Learning Goal packets and noted questions/concerns on index cards to be reviewed at a future Site Council meeting.
- Dr C: school improvement team (John Moes, Kelly, Mark, and Dr C) meets regularly and follows up with DTLs and DCs to check progress. Department Chair and Data Team Leader meetings led by various members of school improvement team to have constant communication and flow of feedback. Would like to also have Student Council adopt a more active role in the school improvement plan, and give input from a student leadership/student government perspective.

V. **Student Council Updates**

Gary Thompson

- Maya: Winter formal upcoming--Jan 14-- at the Hilton El Conquistador. Tickets \$30. Theme--Yule Ball. Pep Rally will be Harry Potter themed. Just finished Freshmen Elections and appointment spot. Falcon Fly-In Shirts designed and in the process of being ordered.
- Shay: Council of Distinction (Arizona Association of Student Council). Jan 19-21 State Convention in Lake Havasu. Shay running for state office, working with Shivani Patel. Contacting venues for Prom. Trying to work with La Paloma especially, but they seem to

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be exclusive and their pricing is beyond our budget.

- Chris: we have a lot of families that live in La Paloma. Might be helpful to do an “all call” to those families and see if parents can put pressure on resort and advocate on our behalf.
- Gary: have been trying to subtly put that pressure, explaining surrounding community. However, in future years, not sure where we will sit with budget and how venue “shopping” and ticket pricing will work in years to come. These may be new obstacles we start to face more frequently.
- Shay: change in charity group-- Make a Wish. Vanessa Ordway heading this and trying to coordinate additional events. Trying to reach out to FFO to get as much support as possible. Donation form upcoming on InTouch.
- Melissa: is a GoFundMe page an option? Mark: we would have to investigate.
- Dr. C: typically, answer would be no, but we can look into it (advertising piece an issue).
- Gary: Make a Wish says the average wish runs about \$10K. Our goal is \$5K. Past Powderpuff events have generated ~\$1500. Make a Wish t-shirts also in the works to help with fundraising.
- Maya: working with Vanessa on Hoopcoming-- benefit concert and “homecoming”-type event (no dance).
- Peris: Dec 19-- finals care packages (pencils, gum, candy). Can be bought for about \$5. Also, working with Falcon Community Club (Dr C clarified these as students who have considerable needs, typically in Life Skills class) to make posters and will be attending events together to encourage inclusion (i.e-- tailgates, plays, etc)
- Bassil (student at large): would like to start community page for volunteer opportunities if at all possible. Master page where students can go to find volunteering and charity opportunities. Dr. C said they could discuss.

VI. **FFO Updates**

Monisha Patel

- Directory sales down ~\$6000 this year, as are general donations. Money very tight, and it is difficult to get parent volunteers this year, even at meetings.
- Gift card sales done, not sure of results of sales.

VII. **School Update**

Angela Chomokos

- Final exams upcoming
- Dr. C gave fall sports results as well as some club results
 - Highlighted success of football team-- state runner-up.
 - Crowd turnout? CFHS had more fans than Scottsdale Saguaro.
 - Speech and Debate: had successful fall, working to participate in “Congress” event. Last week in winter tournament came in first for second year in a row, and won award for number of individual winners.
 - Chess: tough competition this year, did not win championship
 - Science Olympiad: upcoming events in January and March

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- Winter sports underway
 - Boys Basketball played in finals of Salpointe tournament against Basha (who was at that time the #1 seed in 6A schools)
 - Girls Basketball: all five starters injured last night
 - Tess: athletic tape ran out, girls have been asked to bring their own.
 - Dr C: we will address that
- Dr C and Charlie Schubert have been working with district for new JTED/CTE class. One of the proposals for A/P will be a step 1 of a Sports Medicine Program. Starts with A/P and then have "Sports Med II" and do a work study. Also working to start a branch of Biomedical classes. Both of these have been proposed.
 - Maya: how can we get AP Psychology to become a class?
 - Dr C: it can be a branch of one of these programs. It is possible that as we evolve this track, it might get added.

VIII. **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.

IX. **Closure**

Angela Chomokos

- Gary Thompson motioned to adjourn at 9:37, seconded by Bassil Ramadan

Upcoming meetings:

February 17, 2017

March 17, 2017

April 21, 2017