

# CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## SITE COUNCIL

### MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 23, 2015

8:30AM H-4 RM 712

#### I. Call Meeting to Order

*Dr. Chomokos*

Dr. Chomokos called the meeting to order at 8:42am.

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

*Dr. Chomokos*

Jay moved to approve the agenda; Gary seconded the motion.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

*Dr. Chomokos*

- Read the minutes and made the following corrections - change nomination of Secretary to Mark Rubin-Toles, and change Winter Formal date to Jan. 23rd.
- John moved to correct and approve the corrected minutes; Jay seconded the motion.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Parent /Teacher Conferences Data

*Kelly Lantz / Mark Rubin-Toles*

What intersections are evident in the data and what disonances arise from the data?

- Suggestions of a round table conference with all teacher for each student. What grade level of students are coming - freshmen? Get data on who is coming and for what reason. How would parents react if conferences were eliminated? Need to present to District soon if we want to eliminate for next year. School calendar will be presented to Board soon. Is there something else out there to get parents in to talk to teachers earlier -if there is a problem? Do teachers get together to discuss strategies to help students? - Yes. Getting more information out to parents and students on avenues to contact teachers to discuss concerns. Synergy has facilitated communData: looked and annotated the data sheet handed out.

What do you see?

- Low number of students involved. More conf. on 10/12. 405 hours is a lot of hours. Low turnout. Concern over discrepancy among # of conf. per teacher. Hours per student. Number of hours. Only had 10% of potential conf. 405 hrs. spent on 261 students. Number of conf. 261 students conferences out of 1700 students.

What do you wonder?

- How do you reach out to parents? How many had failing grades? Is 10 min. enough. How can it be made meaningful? How would we re-structure to involve all parents? What methods other parents are using to get info? Is there enough value added for time involved? How do teachers feel about the numbers? Why do parents wait until this late to contact teachers? Do parents contact teachers before conf.? Do teachers have a better way to communicate to parents/students? Is there a better way to see every teacher? Is it a positive conf.? What is the purpose of the conf. ? Is it students struggling with content or personal responsibility? Is there a need to conf. with teachers or just want to meet them? Why such low number of students attending? Is this just a tradition? Is it necessary with all the technologies we now have? Do parents feel they need to wait until P/T conf. to contact teacher? Do parents and students wait until P/T conf. because they are afraid to go to teacher on an individual basis? Could teachers set aside a time each month (?) to meet with each student? Wonder which teachers had 25 conf. and which had just a few?
- There are no state mandates on P/T Conferences. Many districts have dropped this practice. Many pull all teachers together of a particular student if that student is struggling.
- Using Advisory to communicate with students one-on-one. Lessons to students on how to talk to teacher during Advisory - student self-advocacy.
- Synergy facilitates communication with parents earlier than mid-October, which might be reason why numbers were down.
- SST will send out a letter to parents of students struggling in more than 2 classes on Monday. Discussed purpose of SST and how it functions. Clarified what Advisory is and what Advisory teachers

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do.

- Chris Woolf motioned to propose to district to eliminate Parent/Teacher Conferences in Fall and communicate, in a more effective way, the avenues parents can contact and communicate with teachers, and how to set up conferences with teachers. John seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Discussed validity of parents' email addresses and how to correct them. Discussed if messages from Synergy come to email account or to ParentVue messages. Encouraged parents to check their email accounts.

#### **V. Strategic Plan - Parent Communication** *Kelly Lantz / Mark Rubin-Tole* s

- Write down: What do we want to learn from our families about how teachers and the school communicate to them about student learning? What questions should we ask?
  - Does ParentVue have a pop-up for notifications?

#### **VI. Student Council Updates** *Student Council Representatives*

- Had homecoming which was successful. Fewer issues than last year. Low attendance at dance- felt it was because Band was out of town. Pep assembly went well, except for Grad night reveal (technical difficulties). Consensus among student council members was that they prefer a "live reveal" rather than a video. Council is looking to incorporate more clubs and organizations into pep rallies; if you have ideas please email Gary Thompson. Next pep rally is in Jan.
- House of representatives - student council members, reps, and all club reps attend meetings. Take questions and polls and give information to reps and club reps. Reps then go back to Advisory and share info.
- "Elegant Galaxy" - rough draft of Winter Formal theme. Trying to switch DJ companies, trying to get WKRQ DG for Winter Formal and Prom. New company might be able to do pep rallies also.
- Dr. Chomokos asked about parking at Winter Formal. Shay is checking to confirm that Ventana doesn't have the parking issue they had last year (parking lot was under construction). Prom is Jan. 23rd.
- Blood drive was very successful. Took 45 packets of blood. Need to have more people sign up ahead of time so that Red Cross can prepare for more packets. Tess Chua suggested that SC emphasize that students need to be hydrated before giving blood.
- Senior Tribute for final pep rally. Idea to have freshmen create a star with a note on the back, SC will store until they are seniors and then seniors retrieve their star on the last pep rally. Will start this year.
- Discussed the purpose of Grad Night to students who were unclear of the purpose - Safe environment for students to celebrate graduation. Suggested that Grad night include a clip in the SC video in Advisory.
- Mark gave committee ChromeBooks and had the committee take the parent/community survey.
- Proposed changes: Change verbiage on closing statement. Add question as what the level of technology parents have access to and how they want information disseminated to them. How do we reach parents who don't use email? Give students a survey in Advisory class of what technology is available in their home? Is very expensive to use "snail mail" as opposed to electronic mail. Use registration mailing to find out if family has access to technology. Make the form state BOLDLY that we need parents' email accounts to communicate with them.

#### **VII. FFO Updates** *Lalita Hadley*

- The FFO has shifted funds and raised money, and will finally be able to raise the second shade sail.

#### **VIII. School Update** *Dr. Chomokos*

- We will send parents an email notifying them that their students will be receiving hard copies of their AzMERIT results at school to bring home.
- Friday 11/13 will hand deliver results of AzMerit to students.

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- Safety committee will be put together including parents and students. The committee will review the emergency manual and evacuation procedures, and propose changes.
- Faculty have been asked to sign up for Remind, for emergency purposes.
- We want to have parents sign up as well, in case there is a lockdown or emergency of any kind.
- We would like to find a way to get parent permission for their students to sign up to the Remind account, also.

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

*Dr. 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**

*Dr. Chomokos*

Pina Colosimo moved to close the meeting; Chris Woolf seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:03

*Upcoming meetings:*

*November 20, 2015*

*January 29, 2016*

*March 25, 2016*

*April 22, 2016*