

# CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## SITE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES - #2

DECEMBER 8TH, 2023

7:45AM

### I. Call Meeting to Order

*Jody Brase*

*Attendees: Jody Brase, Jennifer Miller, Julie Vanegas, Justin Robinson, Robin Larson, Bill Tong, Linda Gee, Gary Thompson, Taylor Waterworth, Bernadette Moreno, Alex Abeyta, Isai Valenzuela*

Called to order at 7:50

### II. Approval of the Agenda

*Jennifer Miller*

Motion to approve: Bill Tong  
Seconded: Bernadette Moreno

### III. Approval of the Minutes for October 27th, 2023

*Jennifer Miller*

October 27th, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve: Robin Larson  
Seconded: Gary Thompson

### VI. Student Council Updates

*Gary Thompson*

- Alex - Winter assembly finished and Winter Formal is Jan 20 at Ventana - theme is New York, New York; fun games planned, and keeping it a secret until Monday; smaller committees: FCC movie coming up, "Charlie Brown"; Food Fight against Salpointe and CFHS won (beat them by about 300 lbs of food)
- Gary - freshmen elections earlier this week; a lot of work goes into this and we have four new members joining us: Julian Merheb, Sawyer Lazarus, Jacob Jeck, and Ellen Kim; new members will be appointed next week; powder puff football; hosting the annual StuCo convention with over 1000 kids coming the 2nd week in August so will plan for this all of 2nd semester.
- Alex - Lauren Glasner is graduating early, so Nick Brooks is stepping into her place.
- Equipment to make t-shirts, hats, etc.
- Bernadette asked if StuCo could do a video encouraging students to take AP classes.

### V. 2023-24 Focus area(s) discussion

*All*

- Accreditation - finishing up accountability report for governing board and accreditation committee; school-wide survey will be sent to students, staff, and parents and we will share the questions in order for site council members to review the questions and have input and be thinking about any areas not addressed in the survey (what may be missing, what might we want to focus more on)
- School-wide focus areas

### VII. FFO Updates

*Jody Ponzio*

- Jody Ponzio is not able to attend today; always working to support us, and next Friday, they host our FFO holiday staff breakfast.
- Speakers being scheduled for 2nd semester FFO meetings.

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### VIII. Counseling Updates

*Robin Larson*

- 9th grade ECAP finished mid-November
- Continuing with college application labs Monday afternoons, along with individual application appts
- HOBY leadership program - selected 10th grade students registering now
- ACT practice test scheduled for 10th and 11th graders: Sunday, Feb 4, 8:30-1pm CFHS cafeteria
- CTE/JTED presentation at the Nov FFO meeting
- CTE/JTED student/parent night CFHS Music Hall, January 10, 5:30-7pm
- FAFSA application night (FAFSA opens Dec 31): January 10, 6:30-8pm H1 Seminar
- JTED off-site program Showcase Saturday, January 27, Bridges Campus
- JTED off-site program pre-enrollment Monday, January 29, 3:00 pm - counselors available in CFHS H1 Seminar Room with laptops available 3-4pm to assist as needed
- Facon Connections Day (now called Falcon College & Career Connections) planned for Monday, Feb 12, during advisory; students make top choice selections on Monday, Feb 6 - working on finding college and career reps to present to our students - contact Robin Larson or Lori Leary if you know of someone who is willing to present information about their career
- Spring ECAP lessons planned for Jan/Feb for 9, 10, 11 graders (more post-high school planning, course selection and credit/GPA review)
- Course Selection (March 4 during advisory)
- Planning a spring college info night for 9-11 graders

### IX. School Updates

*Jody Brase*

- Construction - Beam Signing Ceremony a couple of weeks ago, Mike Winter's drone flew over so we have an aerial view of the final beam being installed; classes won't move in until August, but will be finishing cabinetry, lockers, etc. The office has also been updated with glass and the ability to keep doors locked - have to ring in to get in, and buzz in to go through the interior door. Adding additional fencing and security measures.
- Events - Fine Arts concerts and plays; Basketball, soccer games. Community events on weekends.
- Finals - Dec 20-22, hopefully students are preparing and teachers are helping to clarify expectations so kids are not overly stressed. Every content/class requires a different type of assessment.
- We had a student run away from home, but he is back home safe.

### X. Testing

*Justin Robinson*

- State testing was discussed last time, but AP testing information is being planned now.
- We don't get scores until mid July.
- Last year's scores, we can see our scores compared to the state's overall scores and global scores.
- Overall, we scored higher on many tests in comparison, and were also within the mean,

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- and on only 3 tests the average was lower than a 3
- We don't share results for tests in which we had 10 or fewer students
  - This year we will have increased the number of students taking exams from years past
  - We now have additional AP exams: AP Precalculus, and a freshman option for AP World History, and AP Comp Sci Principles and AP Comp Sci
  - AP Chinese and AP Music Theory have gone up in numbers of students testing
  - Bill Tong asked why less students are taking math - Justin: we now have AP Precalc, so more will get the opportunity who are not beginning with high school math in middle school
  - Bill: Are there a lot of kids who take AP classes but do not test? Justin: examples of AP Gov and AP Lit (already got credit for AP Lang and APUSH exams, and can't get more college credit in these areas)
  - Bernadette - we have such great elective choices, that kids have to make choices - for example, we only have one AP Chem section right now due to the amount of options kids have (JTED dual enrollment options - Biotech and Engineering)
  - Discussion about benefits of taking AP classes - Alex is taking the AP Gov exam, and explained self-reporting of AP courses and scores for more competitive schools
  - Gary - the new rubric has somewhat lessened students' wanting to do retakes/standards lowered a bit and students then lowered their standards, but possibly we have more kids taking AP classes due to the rubric being lower for an A, B, etc.
  - Jody - messaging about taking AP courses is important - make effort in every class
  - Gary - Falcon Connections - could have an alumni speak about their experience and how more rigorous courses helped them to be better prepared for college
  - Bernadette - kids fear getting a B - H Chem is tough, and then scared to take AP Chem, so this is a deterrent (getting a B is still worth taking a course that will better prepare them for college); expose yourselves to the rigor and the possibility of earning college credit; also, some students choose to self-study and take the exam with us
  - Gary - shout out to Justin - hard work, "fool proof" for us as proctors.

### **XI. Call to Public**

*Jody Brase*

- 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 the future agenda. The Council requests that all comments be limited to three minutes or less.

### **XII. Closure**

*Jody Brase*

- 8:45 adjourned
- Gary Thompson seconded