

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES- #1

OCTOBER 27TH, 2023

7:45AM

I. Call Meeting to Order

Jennifer Miller

In attendance: Jen Miller, Taylor Waterworth, Justin Robinson, Bernadette Moreno, Gary Thompson, Julie Vanegas, Jody Ponzo, Alex Abeyta, Isai Valenzuela, Bill Tong, Courtney Tong

Called to order at 7:50

II. Approval of the Agenda

Jennifer Miller

Approved by Julie Vanegas, and seconded by Taylor Waterworth

III. Approval of the Minutes for April 28th, 2023

Jennifer Miller

[April 28th, 2023 Minutes](#)

Approved by Bernadette Moreno, and seconded by Gary Thompson

VI. Student Council Updates

Gary Thompson

Alex Abeyta:

- Bonfire, pep rally, dance - 650 tickets sold
- Moving on to Winter Formal - Jan 20
- Falcon community club (lunch with students with special needs), pickleball
- Food drive against Salpointe
- Gary - KGUN 9 advertising, and although we have not won yet, we hope to win this year - boxes available at school and at next Friday's game. Interfaith Community Services appreciated the donations very much - holidays and summers are their biggest times of need, so hoping to do another drive closer to summer
- Bill - asked for information on upcoming events for StuCo kids
- Gary - officers get together at a luncheon in Mesa, with a guest speaker; in January there is the state convention, and Courtney Tong may be running for state representative and if she wins, she will be a state president; at the end of the year is a summer camp - it's a great experience, and about ten kids get to go to Prescott
- Bernadette - feedback - when her 10th graders come back from pep assemblies, they come back from the pep assemblies feeling very disengaged - perhaps recognizing more kids than seniors so that all kids feel a part of the assembly; emphasis on seniors; recommendation to include underclassmen - do not have to announce underclassmen's names, but possibly have them join as a team on the floor
- Alex agrees to consider this for the next pep assemblies
- Bill - a good thing to include everyone

V. 2023-24 Focus area(s) discussion

All

- Jen Miller - last year we discussed things to focus on - restroom use, cell phones, AI, tardies - Jen sees a huge improvement this year with cell phones out in the classrooms; we also now have bathroom doors left open and that seems to be helpful; teachers are

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not allowing as many kids to go in and out of class; we've instituted a lunch detention policy for students who are tardy - room across from nurse's office - work study kids can bring them their lunch; tardies seem to be decreasing between classes, but we do still have a lot of kids coming late in the AM

- Bill and Bernadett suggest they have cleanup duties
- Courtney - it depends on the teachers as to whether students are tardy or not
- Bernadette - bathroom use is still an issue, so it's how she implements consequences as well; she prints 8 bathroom sign in/out sheets, and the sheets that usually last for a year, are already used up; doesn't want to deny students to use the restroom, but so many are asking to go
- Courtney - there is a long line during passing periods, so it can be hard to use that time to go

VII. FFO Updates

Jody Ponzio

- Jody - background in secondary ed, and was a middle and high school teacher; social media and marketing person for a Catholic school
- Grad Night went very well - positive comments, and revealed the Carnival theme for this year, starting to solicit sponsors
- Revamping fundraising - clothing drive will not happen, and no gift cards
- Replaced these with the birthday marquee, and the parking space raffle
- Gary - suggests decorating of the senior parking spots - could be a fundraiser, but we now don't have specific spots....Jody says they have talked about it and so it's a possibility

VIII. Counseling Updates

Robin Larson

- Completed ECAPs 12, 11, 10, and 9 next two weeks
- Hosted a college night for parents (FAFSA/Scholarships, In-state apps, Out-of-State apps, MaiaLearning)
- Hosted "Coast to Coast" college night (UC Berkeley, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Princeton, Vanderbilt)
- Vicki Capin presentation "Parent's guide to surviving senior year" - Gary suggests providing this info spring of sophomore year or junior year in the fall, essays in English classes
- Weekly senior lab (application, post-high school planning help)
- College rep visits - 51 so far, plus 4 upcoming Nov visits (reps have come to CFHS)
- Military rep visits at lunches
- Advertisement of college fairs (TCC College Night, Gregory School, virtual and in-person college fairs in other cities/close states, The College Tour, Tri-U events)
- Counseling Google Classrooms to advertise important information for each grade level
- Study skills lesson in Course Emporium classes

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IX. School Updates

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- Next week we begin our accreditation process - it's a year-long process, accomplished virtually, and we have a consultant who reviews data (teacher/parent surveys to collect data on the school as a whole), and we submit one piece of evidence per month through next October - 11 pieces of evidence
- Construction on front office and lobby completed, construction on new music building will be completed possibly by mid-second semester; over fall break film was put over the windows that face the parking lot, and more fencing and extra gates are being installed
- Fall sports are being wrapped up - last football game next Friday, and state swim next week

X. Testing

Justin Robinson

- Just finished the PSAT - just shy of 400 students, 10th and 11th, and it's shifted to a digital assessment, makes it more adaptive
- Courtney took it both 10th and now 11th, and likes it better on the computer, but she heard a lot of the students talking about how it gets harder if you do well to start?
- Justin confirms - given a mix of hard, easy, medium questions, and then the rest of the test is gauged on the types of questions asked. The questions are weighted differently and if given harder questions students will then get more of the same type of questions
- Gary - the SAT is moving to the same format and can be superscored
- ACT, AzSci and ASPIRE results - our school continued to achieve higher results than all of AZ; AzSci proficiency level was at 46%, and the state proficiency level was 22% so we were "low" but still higher, and if the entire state was at 22% is this a "good" test to use for measurement; ACT composite score was 21.7 for CFHS, and AZ was 17.6
- Bernadette - AZ has made it possible for teachers to teach without certification/degrees in the content; AP Chem - the kids passed, whereas even college students are not performing well in science classes taking college level chem and the cutoff score is somewhat determined by this and they changed the cutoff level to now 3
- Justin - our kids performed better in all test sections on the ACT than the national average

XI. Call to Public

Jennifer Miller

- 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

Jennifer Miller

Adjourned at 8:55 AM