

Palo Alto High School Site Council
Monday, February 9, 2009

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Kenyon Scott called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. in Portable 3. Members present were, Ning Xu, Lorraine Brown, Cherie Sopkin, Elspeth Farmer Kenyon Scott, Kathy Himmelberger, Kathie Laurence, David Cohen, Carla Guerard, Julia Sing, Alex Freeman, Lucas Matze, Mary Dimit- PTSA, Principal Jacquie McEvoy and Coordinator Edie Miller. Not present: Jasmaer Sandhu, Arlene Leslie, and Kevin Ward. Also present Seung-Yeon Choi,aly VOICE.

ITEM 2 APPROVALS OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 21, 2009 were approved with minor corrections.

ITEM 3 OPEN FORUM

Kenyon introduced new member Kathy Himmelberger. She will complete the term of David Rapaport in 2010.

ITEM 4 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Susan Lee filled in for the I.S. of Special Education. She posted several helpful charts on the wall and explained each in detail. This included the changes in the program (mainly increases) since 1998. She detailed the department's plan of action for WASC in all three categories. In the future, the department hopes to be centralized in one building and to use more technology to help the students. Kathy H. asked if each teacher could get a printout of their students who have IEPs or 504 plans. Jacquie will look into this.

Pat O'Hara, I.S. for Career Technical Education Department, provided a handout of the courses offered and the WASC action plans. He said Interior Design and Business Law have highest enrollments. He also answered questions and explained that additional skills are taught in technical side of performing arts, in journalism, programming in math and some online JAVA classes.

ITEM 6 FACILITIES

Jacquie reported on the Facilities Committee, which includes 12 members- staff, a parent (Stu Berman), a student (Shiroz Kirsna) and a custodian. There is a facilities web page where one can see all the documents. The master plan will be done by mid-March. She said the theater would be located near the 100 building and the Haymarket Theater. There will be two story classroom buildings near the tracks where the portables are. Next week she will meet with students and get their input. On March 3 it will go to the board. The main gym replacement will have to wait until the next bond. There is a committee of people looking at new high School theaters to get ideas. Paly will be a CHIPS (sustainable) school. To see all the plans and dates etc, please go to Paly.net, then link on the left side to facilities.

ITEM 7 REPORTS

PTSA-Mary reported that there have been tours for incoming ninth graders. Feb. 11 is the PTSA executive meeting. PiE fundraising ends on Feb 12. On Feb. 19 there will be a meeting to describe the electives. There will also be parent network meetings. On Feb. 11, there will be meeting called "When you turn 18".

STUDENT COUNCIL- Alex reported that the students are discussing the prom transportation with the Principal- buses or mini coaches. Said Hawkins dance is coming up at the end of the month. Eighth graders from private schools had a shadowing day. The current plan is to merge International Festival with Not in Our School Week.

ITEM 8 WASC REPORT

Cherie Sopkin attended the B Board meeting at which WASC plan was presented. She said it was very well received.

ITEM 8 FUTURE MEETING AGENDA IDEAS and ADJOURNMENT

1. IS reports.
2. Mary asked for a discussion of more balance between sports and academics. She asked that Earl Hansen be invited to come to Council.
3. Jacquie will report on Feb. 17 staff development day and the issue of truancy.
4. Julia is concerned about theft on campus.
5. Edie was asked to invite TEAM to come to COUNCIL

Lucas moved for adjournment and it was seconded. It passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.
Next meeting- March 2, 2009.