Mountain View High School School Site Council Meeting Agenda October 19, 2022

Minutes

Attendance: Marti McGuirk, Lydia Shemyakina, Marcia Babiak, Anita Backus Chang, Patricia Morales, Krithi Sundar, Kip Glazer, Heather Morelli, Jenny, David Campbell, Suresh Shanmugham, Hannah Meng, Henry Speiser

Meeting was called to order at 4:03

McGuirk led with introductions and recommended and offered training to students Henry, Hannah and Krithi to facilitate future meetings, since this a valuable leadership experience. Students agreed to take turns in facilitating future meetings.

McGuirk explained how funds are used by the School Site Council to support students on selected goals that are based on a really specific initiative that our school is part of called CCEIS (Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervention Services).

Dr. Glazer stated the importance of Federal and State funding to School Site Council be spent to support our specific group of students, and that the goal must be in support of helping those students to be successful, and it must also be in line with other goals that are already established, such as ICAP and the WASP Action Plan.

McGuirk discussed that there are a variety of tasks for our School Site Council this year and at later points in the year, such as:

-approve Single Plan for Student Achievement

-Review and approve School Safety plan for 22-23

-Select a Focus Group Goal and allocation of funds

-Review data and determine how effective in meeting our goals

McGuirk mentioned that the last two years our School Site Council has chosen a goal and a focus area out of an initiative from CCEIS due to disproportionality among Latin X in Special Education, chronic absences, and suspensions. Since Morelli works closely with CCEIS, Mc Guirk asked Morelli to explain what are some of the initiatives, programs and resources that provide support for these students.

Morelli explained that when they worked with our school site council during the pandemic year, initial focus were Hotspots and technology support. Next year was academic support/literacy). Programs invested on were Reading with Relevance, Lexi (a power up literacy) and online platform. Last year, focus was on parent communication and meeting with students monthly.

Jenny asked if there is a root cause analysis for areas where we have goals and if they were going to be covered in an upcoming meeting. Marti mentioned that she will provide very specific slides that can identify that.

Anita asked if there was a list of parameters that the state expects us to be targeting, such as attendance or graduation rates? Marti and Dr. Glazer provided a link to the California School Dashboard as a resource for information.

Campbell mentioned that there is a correlation between attendance and graduation based on data he has been putting together and would like to pitch to focus on the attendance of our Latinx students.

McGuirk stated that one of the goals is to reduce the number of Latinx students who are chronically absent by 25%, a reason for significant disproportionality with the state.

Babiak was wondering how that is going to be accomplished? How is it measurable? She thinks that parameters need to be established, if that is the goal the group decides on.

McGuirk wants to accomplish this with data, establishing clear baselines to provide to the council. She will provide information about chronic absenteeism. Seems like that is the route everyone is interested in. There are specific definitions the Department of Ed has in terms of chronic absence and what it means. With an expert database we are able to track and monitor that regularly. McGuirk acknowledged that the attendance issue resonated with Hannah, Henry, and Krithi and is something of interest to focus on. Henry asked what SST stood for? Mc Guirk explained how SST (Student Study Team) works.

Anita asked what the timetable is to come up with a plan to address attendance issues.

McGuirk responded that in December we will hear proposals from various groups. There is a site and district wide task force that is currently working on some of these like the root causes and some ideas.

Campbell made a motion that the School Site Council selects goal #4, as its area of focus, Shanmugham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

McGuirk will send a variety of data points of background information articles and data from the attendance community of practice that is going on at the district. Then begin on our end to solicit proposals for potential interventions and ways to spend the funds that we are in charge of.

Dr. Glazer wanted to clarify that Ed Code states that our safety plan needs to be reviewed and approved, another function of the School Site Council.

McGuirk stated that it's our schedule for February right now, but can be moved to December.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: December 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.