

**Mountain View High School
School Site Council Meeting Agenda
February 14, 2023**

Minutes

Attendance

Marti McGuirk, Anita Backus Chang, Patricia Morales, Krithi Sundar, Kip Glazer, Jenny Mailhot, Hannah Meng, Henry Speiser, Daniella Quinones, Lyudmila Shemyakina

Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:04. Hannah facilitated the meeting.

Old Business

Marti summarized meeting notes from December 7, 2022.

Approval of Minutes

Hannah approved minutes, since there were no corrections brought up by the council.

New Business/Proposal Voting/Approval

Marti explained the importance of reviewing and approving the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and Safety Plan. Council was asked if they had a chance to review the documents, in order to address any questions, concerns or needs for revision that anyone had identified, so that plans can be amended and approved before they go to the Board.

Anita B. asked if Marti can highlight a few of the things that she thinks are most significant.

Dr. Glazer gave some background on how SPSA works and the role of the School Site Council being a little different because MVLA is a Basic Aid District, and MVLA does not receive a large amount of money that's federally funded, such as Title I districts. Dr. Glazer also commended Marti for doing a great job in putting data together and reminding us that the SPSA plan actually has to be aligned to our WASC goals, as well as our ELPAC plan, which is the district-wide plan.

Marti explained the goals for SPSA are all aligned with the ELPAC goals, LCAP goals, and WASC goals. WASC is the accrediting body that authorizes high schools to continue working and certifying us. They come every 6 years. We've been awarded a 6-year accreditation.

Goal #1

Narrowing the opportunity and expectation gap for what we consider our critical learners. Those include English language learners, special education, and Latino students. In this particular area, we are concentrating on our ELD advisory program and CO-taught classes. CO-taught classes are general education courses. For example, Survey of Composition and Literature that are taught by both a general education and a special education teacher. These activities and strategies are designed to give all of our students additional access to the curriculum and to post graduation opportunities beyond Mountain View High School.

Goal #2

Strengthening the communication systems and creating sustainable cohesive school culture. Parent square was implemented this year, it enables us to communicate information to students and families in a variety of different ways. Additionally, implementing a new website, making it easier to navigate and accessible to all families. Increasing the use of social media, designed to promote engagement and community awareness of things happening every day with students and staff.

Goal #3

Focusing on preventive and responsive wellness systems, which aligns with our schools vision statement. Attendance goal; looking specifically at chronically or severely absent students and the ASAP program. Campus wellness Center (The Spartan Spot). A pilot space that will move into its permanent location, when we transition to the Student Services building next fall.

Goal #4

Supporting staff teams and making sure that spaces on campus in the classroom are accessible, safe, culturally relevant for all of our students. Work with the Equity Alliance (group of teachers and educators on campus). Walkthroughs of classrooms done by the leadership body, to identify best practices instructionally that support equity, and then to be able to share those strategies across the school.

Goal #5

Looking at data from Star Renaissance Reading assessment, and targeted interventions to make and drive decisions and about how we prioritize resources, curriculum we implement, wellness strategies we use, to drive instruction in the name of

achievement for all students. Providing whole staff opportunities for professional learning through an organization called EL Achieve and constructing meaning.

Marti asked the council if they had any questions.

Jenny said that as a new parent, she was very impressed with the use of social media, she feels well informed. Jenny asked if each school picks their own goals or if there were district goals that each school needs to align with.

Marti explained that everyone in the district is working toward the same goals, which is student achievement, wellness and engagement.

Lyudmila Shemyakina motioned to approve SPSA. Anita seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marti introduced the School Safety Plan document. The goal of the Safety Plan is designed to know what tools, resources, strategies, etc. we use in order to ensure the safety of all of our students, physically and emotionally. Data is taken from sources such as California Healthy Kids Survey, Suspension Data, Crisis Management, Suspensions, policies regarding discrimination, and harassment.

The goal is that our school is a place of pride for our community, with safe and healthy facilities that support all students in learning, achievement and thriving on campus.

Dr. Glazer shared that the number one priority of every school administration is student safety, which is governed by the California Education Code. She also commended Daniella for managing and organizing the safety plan, to keep our campus safe.

Marti asked if anyone had any questions for Daniella regarding any of the goals or data related to the School Safety Plan.

Jenny raised a question regarding bike theft surveillance and if there is awareness in the School Safety Plan regarding how to prevent it.

Daniella explained that being an open campus is a big challenge, because it attracts some criminals to come in and steal bikes. MVHS works closely with MVPD to track down theft, but most times are not successful. It would be great to lock up all of the gates to keep things safe, but it's just not feasible in meeting the desires of the community

Marti explained that Daniella has worked with our IT on additional security cameras, so we can reduce more of the blind spots and be able to have better visibility.

Dr. Glazer also stated that this year \$20,000 from site funds have been invested for newer cameras to keep our campus safe.

Anita commented and was a bit surprised regarding the high percentage of depression and other health mental issues in the student survey data and asked if there was a big problem with depression on our campus.

Marti responded that it's just not here, but nationwide. The number of mental health referrals for things related to anxiety, depression, or concerns for student safety and self harm have significantly increased post-Covid. It has been an ongoing struggle and an important personal goal in how to address that more systematically.

Dr. Glazer explained that is why a multi-tier system of support (MTSS) has been created in SPSA, for example Spartan Spot and the ASAP program. These give students a safe place to be able to connect with another student or adult, but also some place that they can recover mentally and academically. The more students see that staff and community members care about them, the safer the students feel.

Anita commented that all of the staff showing their presence is very impactful.

Lyudmila had a question in regards to the Social Climate goal, in terms of what other steps are being considered in the future for helping kids deal with drug addiction, and the underlying causes for why they are using at school in the first place.

Marti responded that we recently partnered up with an outside organization called YCS (Youth Community Services), which has a program called Botvin Life Skills. They will come on campus and work with students with an identified need in terms of substance use.

Dr. Glazer said there's a small group intervention that we're piloting and trying out. A bi-weekly group on campus. A space was created, so kids can meet, which is why Smart spot was started. In the new building, there is a plan to expand that space, to be able to facilitate peer to peer type interactions under the supervision of clinicians. We are continuing to work with our agency partners to make sure that we're bringing the best practice research based strategies to our school.

Daniella explained the components of drills and evacuations in case of an emergency and addressed questions.

Lyudmila Shemyakina motioned to approve the Safety Plan. Jenny seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marti gave a quick update on attendance interventions and ASAP. Still waiting on more data that is statistically significant, in terms of measuring effectiveness. As the weeks progress and more data is received, there will be more robust updates to provide at the next meeting. At this point, staff and student feedback has been positive.

Future Meeting Dates and Overview of Tasks

Next council meeting on April 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Review of plans, data, next steps, etc.

Announcements and Adjournment

Lyudmila motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jenny seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.