

Tamalpais High School Site Council Minutes Wednesday, Jan 18th, 2023, from 3:20 – 4:30 PM Mountain Room, Library

Members in Attendance: JC Farr, Ben Cleveland, Mary Krawczyk, Susan Malanche, Laura Erickson, Mehreen Ahmad, Cynthia Joy Koo, Laurie Figueirinhas, Adrian McCory, Ruby Kosek

Guests in Attendance: Elaine Wilkinson, Andy Lieberman

Call to Order: 3:20 pm by J.C. Farr

Approval of the Agenda: Ben Cleveland motions to approve the agenda. Adrian McCory seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Public Comment - Elaine Wilkinson gave an overview of how the Tam Foundation fundraising to date. She explained that the fundraising is short of their goal. Please encourage everyone to participate – and any amount of support is appreciated.

The Foundation is doing a lot to support students as they are in the college of application process including providing funds to cover the college application fees. Elaine also is encouraging people to apply for THF grants. Open House is on Jan 19th. Please come and support the faculty and staff.

California Healthy Kids Survey- JC Farr

JC asked that we assist and support the school site plan, using data from the:

- Review data from Semester One
- California Healthy Kids Survey

We met in small groups to review and analyze the data to develop school “climate” goals (i.e. sense of belonging) for students.

The group then shared what they discussed. Some ideas that were raised include:

- explore variations in engaging students, recommend reimagining the lesson plans to foster the sense of connection and how to present some of the necessary yet mundane content.
- encourage students and teachers to create authentic presentations...let the student present in a way that is most comfortable for them – tactile, oral or written.
- encourage more discussions among peers about the dangers of alcohol use and create more opportunities for people to speak to the students from their own personal lived experience.

Suggestions to address some of the concerns raised by the California Healthy Kids Survey include:

- Use tutorial and lunchtime to build community, community service and awareness of important topics.
- A GSA with 80 students would be considered a success.

- Recommend reimaging Honor -T: elevate those who are successful in ways other than academics – *it's not all about grades*, invite Tam alumni in for lunch chats.
- Survey kids and find out what they want to learn more about.
- Provide more opportunities for students to gather on campus on the weekends for a safe space to hang out.
- Use the theater for brown bag “lunch and learns”.
- Consider the open-campus at lunch – is it something to reevaluate?

Semester 1: Andy provided a analysis of student grades based on race.

He presented the data in a number of different ways including distribution of grades across subject matter, course loads vary across the 4 years, (ie juniors have access to honor and AP classes). EP students and AA students – are they getting support to continue their growth?

The teachers appreciated the presentation and asked for this information to be shared with the teaching staff so they can have access to the insight.

Member Updates:

Ben raised some safety concerns with the lack of speed bumps in the back parking lots. In 2002, a student died. Although they had had these speed bumps, they were removed the within the parking lot. He recommended that we bring them back to create a safer environment.

Student Update:

The Bathroom door locks need to be fixed. The bathroom passes seem to be helping keep kids in class during the instructional time. In the past, kids were congregating in the student hall.

There were no additional reports

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Prepared by Joy Koo