

Tamalpais High School Site Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, from 3:20 – 4:30 PM Mountain Room, Library

Members in Attendance: Ben Cleaveland, Mary Krawczyk, Susan Malanche, Laura Erickson, Mehreen Ahmad, Joy Koo, Laurie Figueirinhas, Adrian McCory, Helen Kay

Call to Order: 3:25 pm by Laura Figueirinhas

Approval of February Minutes: Ben Cleaveland motions to approve the agenda. Meheen Ahmad seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Approval of March Agenda: Dabney motions to approve the March Minutes. Laura Erikson seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Principal Report:

Liz Seabury has joined the Site Council as the interim head of school replacing JC Farr. Liz shared that would like parents to know that she very familiar with the school and the administration and is getting to the know the student and faculty community better. She feels that the students are in great hands and expressed her gratitude to the amazing teaching team here at Tam.

One specific action item she has addressed since being on campus is related to the use of the bathrooms at the Student Union. Since the Marin County of Education uses the space for classes periodically throughout the school day and also having TAM students access that restroom during their class time, it was determined that while the MCOE classes are in session, these restrooms will be closed to the Tam population. She appreciates the students' understanding.

ASB TamUnity Committee

The art mural team (Genie Wolin and Aylin Curtis) gave an overview of their process on how they have gathered community input to develop the mural that is planned for Upper Kaiser. Through an iterative process (100 sheets of paper), they have gathered input from students and teacher and are working with two local artists to create a mural that is designed to express community spirit under the theme of "Tam Unity".

Adrian made a motion to approve the mural design and Helen seconded it. The motion passed.

Teacher Reports:

Ben Cleveland, Mary Krawczyk, Susan Malanche, Laura Erikson

Ben explained that he appreciated the "Teachers as Leaders" initiative which focuses on "bettering" their teaching practices. Ben also complemented Mary's approach to how she led the recent VAPA staff meeting. He found her approach to be especially helpful and refreshing. Mary shared that she was inspired by Liz Seabury's recent staff meeting presentation. Other teachers chimed in and explained that they (like students) really appreciate when the meeting leaders provide the framing of the "WHY" of things and being clear on what's the end goal.

In an effort to ensure equity across all graduating seniors, Mary also reported that the Yearbook team has changed the policy for the senior ad pages. Now the yearbook will have a dedicated quarter page for each student. The funds normally raised by selling these ads can be donated to the yearbook fund to keep the tradition going. Mary asks that we spread the word about this change with all the families as they do need to provide the needed content for the quarter page by the deadline.

Classified Reports:

Wayne shared that he was excited about the Tam school “bracket” during March Madness. Wayne also reported a change in the Campus Supervision for next year. Currently, there is a staff of 3 men and 1 woman. Having both men and women available in the role is helpful at times when circumstances arise on campus in which a woman may be required to enter a women’s restroom etc. Unfortunately, this 4th position is a temporary position so it will not be funded next year as such the team will only have 3 men.

There were no additional reports.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Prepared by Joy Koo