

Catalina High School Council

Minutes 2023-2024

Meeting Date 11/2/23 Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Trini Tester, Dr. Kelly Bristow, Sasha Velgos, Lisa Cole, Karin Bernal, Jack Schull, Liz Whitaker, Amy Schull, Angelica Green-Valenzuela
Members absent	StuCo Student, Travis Glaab
Constituency group represented	Admin, Certified, Classified, Community

- **I.** Call Meeting to order 3:34pm
- **II.** Approval of Minutes for 9/28/2023

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
Move-Jack, 2 nd – Tester. 8 approve	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

IV. Reports -

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Assistant Principal- Dr. Kelly Bristow
DISCUSSION	 State letter grades are out and we were assigned a D. We are appealing to maintain our C. The district has started to install our cameras around campus. TUVA has started construction in the MP building. Budget – W have allocated all our Title I budget Personnel – WE have posted a position for a grounds person, we have lost Shane. Trunk of Treat was a great success thanks to our awesome AVID team.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	



REPORTS TO REVIEW	Certified
DISCUSSION	 Karin Bernal – Librarian The library is hosting a pinata contest. Also working to get a book club up and running. The library is applying for the Laura Bush grant of \$5000-\$6000 that can be used to buy new books. The library has been using digital check in for students and able to track who is coming and when. Trini Tester – ExEd Dept. Chair Catalina ExEd is missing one component to make our Cross-category program successful – missing a Resource classroom. Meeting with the district to figure it out. Working on a program for job skill development called Kitten Corner. Lisa Cole – Teacher The math department is planning for the new conference period schedule targeting students failing classes. They would really like to target C and D students rather than F students if possible.
CONCLUSIONS	The Dia De Los Muertos event was really good – hoping the English department can put on Seasons Readings Family Engagement event in December. During announcements can students from different countries say good morning in their languages?
ACTION ITEMS	

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Classified
DISCUSSION	 Angelica Green-Valenzuela – Admin/Athletics Assistant Winter sports is starting next week. There's cheer, wrestling, boys soccer, girls soccer. The boys basketball uniforms are being purchased by interscholastics – Lori Encinas helped to arrange this. We are in need of a women's soccer assistant coach. Amy Schull – Dropout Intervention Specialist El Rio Telehealth Program Ready for students. Had a clothing, hygiene pack, and snack pack give-away right before Fall Break. Thanksgiving food boxes and gift cards will be given out before Thanksgiving. Will be collecting donations through my personal social media and from staff that are interested in donating. Will have a jacket give-away before Thanksgiving break. Took 7 nominated students to a free shoe give-away sponsored by the district.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	·

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Students
DISCUSSION	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	



REPORTS TO REVIEW	Parents
DISCUSSION	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Community
DISCUSSION	Liz Whitaker – Foundation • Foundation held annual meeting at Catalina, October 19, 2023 6-8 pm – thanks to Catalina Culinary, Mike Gradowski, Amy Schull, and Dr. Norma Gonzalez. Jack Schull -Elements City Church • Elements will reach out to Dr. Gonzalez about projects they can do at Catalina on their Serve Sunday in February.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Request for funds to purchase a sound system for the Library – Karin Bernal
DISCUSSION NOTES	There's a need to have a sound system that stays in the Library and is used for presentations and meetings. Karin is requesting \$1000 to purchase a JBL system with stands and a mic through Best Buy.
RESOLUTION	
Move by Tester and 2 nd by Cole to approve \$1000 for the purchase of a JBL sound system – All 8 approve	

VI. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Letter Grade/Testing Requirements
DISCUSSION NOTES	We showed some growth in areas that are reviewed for the letter grade. We had a 2 pt increase in the area of CCRI points-higher that any other schools that earned a C rating. We missed getting a C by .1 point. We are making an appeal on ELL proficiency and the inability of our students to test reliably during the testing window due to the cyber attack last January/February. Next year we should get the bonus points in our grad rate. Our appeal is due 11/15/23. Dr. Amanda Shufflebarger – English Teacher – shared that the extreme focus on testing we have can be detrimental to students. The impact it is having on students and teachers is intense and has become too much for everyone to handle. IXL snapshots are not productive or helpful. What can we do? Dr. Bristow shared that the District mandates much of the testing, such a PSAT, Benchmarks, and



	ACT. We are trying to have our students learn what it's like and get comfortable with testing environments.
RESOLUTION	
OUR UNIQUE NEEDS,	ROM THE DISTRICT ON HOW TO GET MAXIMUM POINTS AND NEED THE STATE TO KNOW WHAT CHALLENGES ARE. VOUR VIEW OF TESTING AND HOW WE CONDUCT IT.

ITEM TITLE	Campus Conditions – Roofing, Grounds, Maintenance
DISCUSSION NOTES	Not much we can do about the tar an roofing smell. A chimney cannot be used on the tar vat. We are following up on extensive maintenance requests that have not been addressed. We are down to one grounds employee and will be starting the search for another.
RESOLUTION	

ITEM TITLE	Catalina Needs for Element's Church's Serve Sunday in February
DISCUSSION NOTES	Element's City Church would like to do some projects here at Catalina on Sunday, February 11 th (Super Bowl Sunday). They would like to meet and find out what things need done.
RESOLUTION	
WILL MEET WITH DR. GONZALEZ TO DISCUSS A LIST	

VII. Plan next agenda.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm by Sasha Velgos

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