TUCSON UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Catalina High School Council	Minutes 2024-2025

Meeting Date   8/29/2024   Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Alexander Velgos, Karin Bernal, Ruth Mann, Lisa Cole, Dr. Norma Gonzalez, Liz Whitaker, Wendy McFeely, Amy Schull, Jack Schull, Tamika Skinner
Members absent	Parents, Students
Constituency group represented	Admin, Certified, Classified, Community

Introduce members to each other.

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Personal Introductions

III. Amend the Bylaws – See attached changes

(Site Council will expand to allow 4 parent/guardian representatives; Site Council will expand to allow 4 Certified representatives; Site Council will expand to allow 3 Community representatives)
- Move to approve updates to the Bylaws by Mann, 2nd by J.Schull. 8-0 approve

IV. Elect 2024-2025 Site Council Facilitator

Site Council Facilitator will not act as a voting member of the group. Facilitator does receive a stipend from the district but the stipend is only available to a Certified member of the group. Alexander Velgos stated that he would like to act as the Facilitator. Moved by J. Schull, 2nd by Dr. Gonzalez, 8-0 approve

V. Approve Minutes of the Last Meeting 4/25/24

Will postpone review and vote on these minutes until the next meeting.

VI. Call To the Audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

VII. Reports – Explained the reports process and that the district will be asking for bullet points to be included in the agenda to prepare for the meetings.

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal- Dr. Gonzalez

DISCUSSION	**General:** • Great start to the new year • Enrollment - 603 • One-to-one • Football field lights are not fixed we will start with light rentals that are not safe • September 10, 2024 Catalina will be recognized at the Board meeting, as a Site of Distinction with AVID • Many issues with our air conditioning system and they are slowly getting fixed due to a very old system **Budget:** • Fall Equalization and FTE. Catalina had to "give back" 1.4 FTE based on our enrollment **Personnel:** • We lost a fabulous custodian to retirement. Leonor Soto has left us to retire. We had one round of interviews and today we interviewed more candidates.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

- Karin Bernal would like to know how we can figure out a better system for student laptop check-out, especially students that have fees for missing laptops.
- Concerning our stadium lighting that is still not fixed: What do we need to do to get the word out that it has not been taken care of and what do we need to do to get the district to take it seriously and get it fixed?

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Certified
DISCUSSION	**Karin Bernal – Librarian** • Library orientations have been happening with English and ELD classes. • Working on the video and announcements to be shown on the TVs that were installed this summer. May need help connecting and navigating the system. • Working on a collaboration on AI and direct instruction to students on digital literacy. **Lisa Cole – ExEd Teacher** • ExEd is fully staffed. • The Math department would like more CTT/planning time to work together • Students are especially frustrated with all of the schedule changes • Students don't know how to navigate their computers and Outlook. Could there be some training? **Wendy McFeely – ELD Department Chair** • ELD is doing well. There are 161 active students right now. • Trying to evaluate foreign student transcripts has been very difficult and frustrating because the district position that handled this has been eliminated. • ELD hosted a Refugee student orientation last Wednesday, which went really well. **Ruth Mann – Teacher** • Nothing different
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

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REPORTS TO REVIEW	Classified
DISCUSSION	Tamika Skinner – Monitor • AC I the guard shack is not working. They have a tent and ice and water but it is really hot. Someone from district came and said it is broke and needs to be replaced but contacts to the district about paying for it and fixing it have not been responded to. • Security monitors are upset that they are not being informed when something serious is happening on campus. They would like communication when a situation is occurring that requires school safety to show up or law enforcement. They would like to know if they should be looking out for something or they should take special precautions. • Hall Pass program is not being used by enough teachers. It needs to be used more and make sure kids have passes so monitors can make sure they are where they should be. • Monitors are having a problem also with students being released from class early by teachers. Amy Schull – Student Intervention Specialist • I've been giving out a lot of resources to students since the start of school. • FBLA donated a bunch of backpacks to give out to students. • I'm working to connect students to community resources and organizations as well as make sure they have the basic supplies they need at school.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
	• Site council members would like to know what can be done to get the district to come out and fix the AC in the shack? Should OSHA be contacted because of the dangerous conditions in the heat?

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Students
DISCUSSION	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Parents
DISCUSSION	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Community
DISCUSSION	Jack Schull – Elements City Church • Elements sponsored the new teacher lunch. • Elements is willing to be available and help out as much as they can. Liz Whitaker – CHS Alumni Foundation • The Foundation sponsored the back to school breakfast for staff. • They are providing mini-grants to teachers again this year.

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VIII. Action Items –

   a. Velgos gave an explanation of how action items work.

ITEM TITLE	Request for Funds to cover Student Fees
DISCUSSION NOTES	Site council would like to request $5000 from Undesignated Tax Credit fund to be set aside for the 24-25 school year. The money will be used for student activity fees, test fees, class fees, etc, for students that are unable to pay them.
RESOLUTION	

Bernal moved to approve we set aside $5000 for fees for students, 2nd by McFeely Approved 9-0

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IX. Discussion Items

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RESOLUTION	

X. Submission of items for next agenda.
- Total funds in Undesignated Tax Credit account
- Snacks for benchmark tests
- Ways to solicit tax credit donations
- Literacy night (will actually be a Family Engagement Topic)

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm by Sasha Velgos

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