



Eastmark High School

Queen Creek Unified School District

EHS Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Attendees

Paul Gagnon
Christine Murphy
Aubrey Lindblom
Kenza Triki
Alexa Mann
Annette Davis
Amanda Errington
Tammy Boley
Christopher Greenwood
Debi Short
Casey Ament

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order:

- Aubrey Lindblom at 6:01

Board Report:

- Review Minutes:
 - 2022-2023 Site Council: Selection Process
 - Voting members of site council
 - By laws - 4 parents are voting members, teachers, principal, support staff, certified staff,
 - New Secretary and Chair and voting parents option for next year, current members are:
 - Aubrey Chair
 - Christine Secretary
 - Alexa voting member
 - Tammy voting member
 - Will vote on members next year

- Benchmark 2 Results
 - % correct for Math
 - above district average for Honors Math 7, Algebra 1
 - other areas are showing improvement but are below district
 - % correct for ELA
 - above district for ELA 12
 - other grade levels are showing improvement but are below district
 - informational text standards were focus and need to continue
 - collaborative discussions starting with Science and Social Studies content teachers
 - % correct for Science
 - below district average across the board
 - 8th grade and Chemistry were close to district average
 - newer staff and with continuity scores should improve
 - departments looked at low areas and discussed how to improve those now and in the future
 - focus on sub groups and determine performance
 - individual teachers discuss with Paul for next steps
- End-of-Year Ceremonies
 - Recognition for honor roll, academic letters, teacher and department awards, current May 11, 2022 - will reschedule due to 8th grade Disney trip
 - Seniors will have own ceremony May 4, 2022
 - scholarships, valedictorian and salutatorian, top 5%, department awards, military reps
 - Queen Creek Education Foundation scholarship will be awarded
 - PTO Legacy Firebird scholarship
 - Graduation May 18, 2022 7:00pm at Football Field
 - tomorrow they receive graduation contract
 - practice attendance
 - when and where to arrive
 - parent meeting to review contract
- Drop Off/Pick-Up in West Parking Lot: Feedback
 - working well from those in meeting, students in own lane and parents in theirs
 - gates will be open
 - some parents are confused by the cones
 - looking to all parent drop off/pick up to bus loop, more to come
- Upcoming CAFÉ: Teacher Appreciation Ideas
 - Mar 24, 2022 next meeting
 - Current plan

- Monday donuts, Tuesday card/scratcher, Wednesday lunch (looking for a sponsor), Thursday crumble, Friday gift cards/gas cards
 - Other ideas: meals, coffee
- Bond Update
 - governing board met with 4 proposals
 - will call for Bond at April meeting
- Textbook Approval for AP Spanish, Language, Culture
 - TEMAS is textbook working to be approved at next meeting
 - Vista is publishing company
 - ISBN 13:978-1-54330-138-0
 - Test prep also goes with it
 - Link to review textbook
 - <https://vistahigherlearning.com/store/school/UniversityHS/temas-2nd-edition-07.html?pgi=a3W4A000000g9mUUAQ>

● Approve March Minutes

Motion to Approve minutes Alexa 2nd Tammy

Motion passed unanimously

Principal Report:

- 1st graduation - meeting weekly for last 2 months to ensure details are worked out
 - Baccalaureate dinner/ceremony at the LDS church north of campus, Brad Turner will host the dinner
- Award ceremony invites going out to parents soon
- CAFE - great turnout and teacher appreciation discussion
 - people donating water, man power for teacher appreciation
- Business partners breakfast Apr 26, 2022
 - Showcased CTE students in February
 - Apr 26, 2022 7:30-8:30
 - Businesses promote their support
 - QC Education Foundation attends as well

Certified Staff Report:

- Christopher Greenwood
 - post testing coming up for students on Monday & Tuesday May 2-3
 - will count as a grade
 - teachers will provide study guide
- Kenza Triki
 - Spanish is working to get students ready for final exams

Support Staff Report:

- Debi Short
 - Second 1:1 ECAPs 8-12
 - Parent link should come home for 8th graders
 - looking at 9th grade course requests, making adjustments
 - students who didn't pass 8th grade science, will take physical science
 - need Algebra 1 and Biology at the same time

Student Council Report:

- NA

Old Business:

- Textbook Approval
 - CNA Nursing Assisting
 - A Foundation in Caregiving text 978-1-60425-124-1
 - Approved by all
 - A Foundation in Caregiving workbook 978-1-60425-122-7
 - Approved by all
 - English AP Lang & Composition:
 - Devil in the White City 978-0375725609
 - Approved by all
 - In Cold Blood 978-1617204555
 - 4 yes 4 table
 - Will take to curriculum due to tie vote
 - Discussion below prior to vote
 - Questions: In Cold Blood-Focus murders, narrative non-fiction; Devil in White City-used world's fair to lure victims
 - Reached out to Ms. Swisher for feedback: AP lang students need to have knowledge of real life events that they can pull from as evidence to use in their essay, only have 3 on approved list (Into the Wild, The Glass Castle, Walden), not a lot of texts for teachers to prepare students, need to add more options, these two are used over the US. Devil in White City focuses on Worlds Fair and America's First Murder, focus would be on the World's Fair. The author's writing style focuses on rhetorical analysis. In Cold Blood is the first true crime novel written. Style of writing lends itself to rhetorical analysis and is of high interest to students. Want to give kids a better historical foundation for the AP section of the text.

- Mr. Greenwood: agrees with Ms. Swisher needed to pull evidence for the AP essay. Unsure of how he would use these as a teacher and would see how using the World's Fair makes it more relevant. Not concerned with the content of In Cold Blood, is a darker book.
- Question: Is there another text that might accomplish the same thing? Having two books with the same thing caught off guard and working to consider is there a process where parents or teachers read the entire book. In Cold Blood references other concerning content. Is there a period of time for public review?
 - Goes to the board and goes for review for 60 days with a copy at the district office for those who might want to borrow or read it.
- If approved, is there an alternative offered to kids who have parents who don't approve? Can a "warning" be offered for students/parents?
 - There is supposed to be an alternative provided.
 - Up to the teacher to share the "warning"
- If Site Council approves, will the board review the text?
 - usually it's textbooks so there isn't a precedence
 - can table 1 or both, ask curriculum to review it as a 3rd party and bring back to site council in the new year
- The genre seems to have mature material in general. Can students choose their own book?
 - Students can complete outside reading for this
- The Glass Castle - parent spoke that their daughter read this and some of our kids are exposed to this content in some way. Has created some conversation pieces at home. May depend on the student but there isn't a concern at this time but can be different for different parents.
- Possibly get information from teachers about texts offered for reading. Teachers do read ahead of time and discuss controversial content
- English Honors ELA 10
 - Medea 979-8547197321
 - Approved by all
- English AP Lit
 - Kite Runner 978-1594631931
 - Approved by all

- Social Studies AP World
 - AP World History Modern 978-1531129163
 - Approved by all
- AP Spanish
 - Temas: 978-1-54330-138-0
 - Approved by all

New Business:

- End of Year Events
 - check newsletter
- Spirit Weeks
 - Interesting choices for the days, are some appropriate for a 7-12 school
 - Possibly have student reps 1 from JH and 1 from HS, share those ideas and have feedback from parents to avoid potentially controversial topics
 - Teacher is present for Student Council meetings so decisions are made with adult supervision
 - Goal to have students involved in being a part of site council to collaborate with parents
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - need dads to pass out donuts on Monday, May 2 need a handful, SRO was asked to support as well
 - need gift cards on sign up genius
- Parent Satisfaction Survey: Results
 - shared with leadership team on campus and next steps to fix issues that arise
 - new principal will help with some issues
 - discuss communication as well
- Bond Presentation
 - \$189M
 - grown for last several years, QC annexed land into the town, schools, etc
 - several schools are at/over or close to capacity
 - Eastmark projected to 1950 students
 - if doesn't pass will add portables \$5.5M majority to Silver Valley
 - can take away raises from teachers to spend on portables (3 portables = 6 classrooms)
 - Bond would provide additional parking, academic wing, performing arts center, athletic fields/facilities
 - part of general election, not mail in only like last year
 - participate in events: Meet Teacher Night to pass out factual information, visuals for lobby, website to come
 - email thoughts, ideas, etc.
- 2022-2023 Site Council: Election
 - Chair
 - Annette nomination - mom of freshman, PTO member before, voting member 1 year, works with CAFE, assisting with bond vote
 - Approved unanimously

- Recorder
 - Christine - no one nominated so Christine to remain if approved
 - Approved unanimously
- Voting members (2)
 - Alexa Mann - approved unanimously
 - [Aubrey Lindblom](#)- approved unanimously
 - Tammy Boley - as a sub approved unanimously
- Major Clarity
 - tabled for next meeting

Call to Public:

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Notes

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Action Items

Request to Demo of Major Clarity at next meeting

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next meeting will be:

Motion to adjourn by Tammy 2nd by Alexa

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm