

MINUTES
1/25/16 SITE COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: Ray Aponte, Joan Pearson, Arthur French, Steve Richter, Theresa Bulander, Sharon Rush, Sharon White, Colleen Aho, Guadalupe Cruz, Amarti Bekele, Jocelyn Cruz-Mestizo, and Karen Holly.

Welcome: Introductions
Steve Richter chaired meeting

Principal's Report: Ray shared the following data:

Of the approximately 225 students in PSEO =
8% Native American
9% Asian
4% Latino
18% Black
61% White

Question was asked how students are encouraged to take PSEO or other programs such as CIS, AP and Honors classes.

Ray is hoping to have a breakdown next meeting for CIS, AP and Honors classes. Tons of families wanting tours. They appreciate our high level and comprehensive classes.

We will start looking at next year's SIP information and start asking questions to update that.

The district is planning on moving the budget tie-out process ahead by one month. The goal is to have school budgets submitted around March 4th instead of March 25th.

Newcomer Program: Tabled until next meeting when Lauren Lewis can be there. The next Southerner will feature Newcomer students. Discussed services provided by the district (family therapists, liaisons) that work with our Newcomer family and students. There is an event this week ("Listening Session") for Newcomer families.

Neighborhood Expansion: This topic will remain on our agenda - South High Campus Mater Plan.

The community and South have to stay informed and involved.

The letter passed out to Site Council members was a result of that involvement.

Our goal is to be part of the planning.

We want this expansion to be functional for the community and South High.

Need to enhance our athletic property and the overall appearance of South. It's our turn to have some money directed our way.

By-Laws: We didn't realize the district had a set template that needed to be followed to update our Site Council By-laws. The draft we created last Site Council meeting was not adequate and new by-laws were submitted to General Counsel using their template. Those were submitted on time and we have not heard anything from the district since.

General: It was suggested we have a follow up with Ethan Dean. Would like to continue conversation around cultural competence. Students mentioned the AP, CIS, PSEO process is vague. What are the guidelines to participate in these classes? One thing Mr. Aponte put into place to help with better communication is that students will now remain with their assigned counselor all 4 years they are enrolled at South. That should help clarify some of these issues.

Student Council: They are sponsoring the Winter Olympics. Proceeds from the event will support various charities. The Olympics will run periods 1 through 3 and has something for everyone. Teams pay to compete. Helps bring students together. There are "rules" so teams remain fair as far as athletic ability are concerned. Athletes and gym classes are able to spectate. Council members would like to open up spectating to more students - would create more student participation and also raise more funds. Mr. Aponte would look into it. The next Blood Drive is coming up. We've placed 3rd or 4th in a high school competition on how many pints we collect. We continue to beat out Southwest. The Winter Ball will be held at McNamara Center. Using a different approach this year for ticket sales to enhance the idea that you don't have to be part of a couple to attend.

Carnation sales for Valentine's Day is another fundraiser. Theater department does the singing telegrams for Valentine's Day.

PUSH: There was no meeting last month (December).

They're planning on putting together a meeting around Race/Equity topic. Are searching for a Moderator from the district or other group. Kate Towle and Julia Freeman were two names Site Council members thought of. This PUSH meeting would be more parent focused than student/parent.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up 2/11 and 2/12/16.

The next PUSH meeting is scheduled the same day as NAAFID - another large parent event for South.

Future Agenda Items: Newcomer Program

South High Campus Master Plan

More data collection

CIS/PSEO/AP - counseling department conversation

Budget update