



# Philomath High School

## Site Council Minutes



*Wednesday, December 3, 2008*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Area of Concern</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Action / Notes</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening</b>	Call the meeting to order. Introduce new members.	Alice Eldridge called the meeting to order in the Guidance Center of PHS at 3:36pm. Introductions to Babette Grunwald and Tom Frisbie.
<b>2</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Joe Dealy</li> <li>• Staff: Jamie Jeffery</li> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Peter and Janice Finn</li> <li>• Parent: Tom Frisbie</li> <li>• Parent: Babette Grunwald</li> <li>• Classified: Debbie Baldwin</li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Liz Womack</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> </ul>	Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Joe Dealy</li> <li>• Staff: Jamie Jeffery</li> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Peter Finn</li> <li>• Parent: Tom Frisbie</li> <li>• Parent: Babette Grunwald</li> <li>• Classified: Debbie Baldwin</li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Liz Womack</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parent Co-Chair needed</li> <li>2. PEA survey results</li> <li>3. 4.0 GPA concerns</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Frisbie filled the need for a Co-Chair.</li> <li>• The review of the survey results will be put off until all members have given their input. Alice will be encouraging staff members to complete the survey at the staff meeting on December 14.</li> <li>• There is a concern that there is a need to review the requirements for Valedictorian. The concern is that some classes should not be considered equal in value, for example, being a student aid and calculus.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there some way to make things fair for all students and be inclusive of different intelligences?</li> <li>• The School Board has asked that we look at the requirements for an honors diploma and increase the number of credits from 26 to 28. This may also be an opportunity to include rigor in the type of classes taken in order to receive an honors diploma and thus, increase the rigor required to become Valedictorian.</li> <li>• A small group was created to address this concern. The members include: Sue Hardin, Joe Dealy, Sharon Sánchez-Aragón and Mary DeGeghetto.</li> <li>• The parents, teachers, and students were also asked to find out how the others feel about this subject. It is important that Site Council represent the community, parents and students as much as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>20/20 Report</b>		<p>Debbie Baldwin reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the 20/20 group is to make connections between teachers and the new administrator. We want to work on things that need improvement and continue to do the good and productive things we have always done.</li> <li>• There needs to be staff participation. There are times when we don't have time during lunch. E-mails are a good way to express concerns and have input.</li> <li>• At the staff meeting on December 12, Alice will be addressing the staff and making the connection between the Site Council and the staff.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Principal's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Improvement Plan Structure</li> <li>• Strategies for School Improvement Plan Goal Setting</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Ball reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were given an example of a School Improvement plan from Mr. Ball. We were also given our school's testing results. Our scores have gone down in both math and reading. We have to discover</li> </ul>

			<p>the reasons and come up with a plan to improve our scores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On December 12 there will be a district math meeting. We need to make connections between schools to make sure all of the topics that are on the tests are covered in each grade level. We also need to make sure that the students are getting an opportunity to prepare for the test just before they take it.</li> <li>• In order to meet AYP there has to be a 2 year average of 59-60%.</li> <li>• We need to provide more opportunities for students to take the tests. We also need to provide instruction before students retest.</li> <li>• HP donated 30 laptop computers to the school, which will make it possible for us to test more students at the same time. This will leave the computer labs open for other testing, like reading and writing.</li> <li>• The district has 8 goals. The high school needs to come up with 3-4 goals. Having these goals allows us to be connected to state and federal funds. Grants can be written to help fund the goals we have.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Comments or Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility Vision –Share your thoughts at January’s Site Council meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the next meeting we should come with ideas to share about our vision for our facility.</li> <li>• For the next meeting we should read through the example of a School Improvement Plan, and share ideas for goals of our own.</li> <li>• There are also concerns about the trimester system.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 7, 2009</li> </ul>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm. We will meet on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 3:30 in the Counseling Center.</p>