



# Philomath High School

## Site Council Minutes



*Wednesday, January 6, 2010*

<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 parent member.	Alice Eldridge called the meeting to order in the Library of PHS at 3:30pm. Jay Celorie is our new parent member.
<b>2</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Joe Dealy</li> <li>• Staff: Nicole Stueve</li> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Jay</li> <li>• Parent: Tom Frisbie</li> <li>• Parent: Babette Grunwald</li> <li>• Classified: Debbie Baldwin</li> <li>• <b>Classified: Open</b></li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> <li>• Student: Barb Sinclair</li> </ul>	Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Nicole Stueve</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Classified: Debbi Baldwin</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Tom Frisbie</li> <li>• Parent: Jay Celorie</li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Barb Sinclair</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> </ul> Absent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joe Dealy</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	1. Newspaper subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea of the newspaper was to have better communication between the school and the community.</li> <li>• Parents and community members would like to hear more from Mr. Ball in the way of a newsletter. Mr. Ball currently has a posting on the PHS website, but not enough people are aware of it. In light of the new bond, the community would like to know how the leadership of the school feels about issues. Most people will connect their tax dollars with the school and want to know where their money is going.</li> <li>• We have 3 high school students writing articles for the Philomath Bulletin.</li> <li>• We will continue to use the news paper for Senior Projects and keep it as an open idea for when we need it.</li> <li>• Parents, administrators, and students are encouraged to write articles for the newspaper, to keep the community informed on issues.</li> </ul>

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## New Business

1. Academic Recognition In Hallways
  - National Merit
  - 4.0 GPA
  - Valedictorians
  - Others?
2. Technology Integration
3. Lunch Time
  - Student Activities
  - Perceptions

1. Academic Recognition
  - Academic All American
  - National Merit
  - Alumni
  - Valedictorians / 4.0 GPA
  - 20/20, NHS, ASB
  - We need money!
2. Technology
  - Do our students know more about technology than we do?
  - Are we using technology in the classroom in an effective way?
  - Many staff members feel that they need more training.
  - There is no money / time for training.
  - Open Office has many problems for students and staff.
  - There is a gap in what we are teaching the students to use in the classrooms and what they will use in the real world.
  - There is a gap in technology for the "haves" and "have nots." We need to build a bridge.
  - Are there grants we can apply for?
  - The district has technology goals, but there is no funding for professional development time or training.
  - Should someone write an article for the paper to inform the public of our need?
  - Our new parent member Jay Celorie may have some connections with Microsoft, so he will make some calls.
  - The money from the new bond measure would help.
3. Lunch
  - It is intimidating for parents to walk into our school during lunch because of the activity that is going on right outside of our front doors. Students do not always use their best manners. There are often students wrestling, using bad language....this is not the best image to present to the community.
  - There is no place for the students to go.
  - They cannot use the gym.
  - Students need positive activities and a place where they can all be comfortably.
  - Can we find a way to use volunteers, teachers, sports, class points, pizza parties, games...?
  - We will ask 20/20 for ideas.
  - Money from the new bond would help pay for a place for the students to gather to eat and have activities.
  - Student need to learn positive behaviors...being polite, respect, using good language, picking up trash...
  - 2010 The Year Of Civility!

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">5</p>	<p><b>Reports</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parent Survey Subcommittee</li> <li>2. Principal</li> <li>3. 20/20</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parent Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ball would like to take the survey he has and put it on Survey Monkey.</li> <li>• The subcommittee has not had time to meet and would like to review the questions.</li> <li>• We need a survey that is no more than one page.</li> <li>• Sue Hardin will email us with a date.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accreditation for our school in 1934 and 1993, but not since then. We were allowed to renew our accreditation, and we are on a 6 year cycle.</li> <li>• We got the 15 million dollar interest free loan from the federal stimulus money. This will be very helpful. We still need to convince the taxpayers to pass the bond for about 23 million dollars to make the improvements we need.</li> <li>• Mr. Ball showed us the current plans that have been drawn by Kelly Currans for our new high school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. 20/20 report will have to wait until next month.</li> </ol>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">6</p>	<p><b>Other Comments or Concerns</b></p>	<p>Excerpt from "Global Achievement Gap" by Tony Wagner. We will discuss it at the next meeting.</p>	<p>We were asked to read the excerpt and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the PHS Counseling Center</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm. We will meet on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 3:30 in the Counseling Center.</p>