

Hercules High School
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SSC Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2015

Board Members			
1. Paul Mansingh, Principal	x	7. Lenson Wong, parent	x
2. Catherine Floresca, other		8. Jennifer Vance, parent	
3. Linda Coleman, teacher	x	9. Madeline Yuen, parent	x
4. Maricris Cruzat, teacher	x	10. Kirsten Rose Kho, student	
5. Baener Lucas, teacher	x	11. Marc Pugada, student	
6. Joanne Whitlock, teacher	x	12. Thomas Wright, student	

1. Meeting was called to Order at 4:25 pm

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

Changes: Add item 7 (c) Budget for LCFF

4. Review of Minutes (Date): December 16, 2014 Approved x Amended

5. Reports

a) Principal's report:

Parents have been included in communications for updated information on data presentation and interpretation. Newsletters were also mailed out. We closed out the first semester with 547 students on the Honor Roll with a 3.0 or above. 164 students at 3.0-3.49, and 383 at 3.5 and above, so these numbers configure about 60% of our student population. Graduation requirements and participation were defined with the Senior Class in today's meeting. Our mission to create diverse 21st century scholars with academic excellence and integrity is 90 days in, and it is starting to show signs that academic terminology is being utilized. Students have identified themselves with the purpose for the electronic devices, and while not all are in compliance, they are aware of the interpersonal communications, so there was a huge growth with the academic environment cycling in semester 1 and is reflected in the climate report. Tardy is down by 40%.

Beginning with February 11, Academic Night will be a combination of a celebration of students with a 3.0 and above, fine arts, and gala for a social. We have events for African American History Month February 13 (Poetry Slam) and February 26 (KTVU anchorman Dave Clark). Moving onto March 13 is the multicultural assembly by the Interact Club students and evening performance with an invitation to elementary school students to join in the dances, as well as performances by high school students which will be a community-wide event. March 24 is the family night for Common Core. April

2 is Open House, and April 16 is the awards night for the third quarter, and April 19-21 is the WASC visit. In preparation for the WASC visit, teachers will hold their last two department meetings and narratives, and submittal of the last report will be February 25 for review and edit prior to submittal to the visiting committee chair. We are preparing our academic environment (classrooms) and teachers' evidence boxes for collection. Groups of students are preparing videos, forms, and school fight song. Our measure for quarter 3 is to maintain 60%.

Discussion re integrity on homework: There appears to be a fair amount of cheating on homework. Homework is reviewed and checked and not graded. In the past, homework was given points or graded. The shift is to review and prepare for tests that hold greater weight, and homework is worth a lot less. If students are asking others to do their homework, they are unable to get the feedback because the teachers do not know where the work is coming from. The net result is how to get more students to be proficient in math by helping students recognize that the code of conduct in cheating on a test and cheating on homework is one and the same. Students understand that cheating on a test is cheating, but they feel cheating on homework is apropos.

Discussion re publishing of teachers' rates of proficiency in grading. Comparison of proficiency percentages causes teachers to look at their own practices.

b) Student's report:

There visibly is a lot more students involved in school, even during lunch time (eg, you can observe more rap battles than fights). On Friday, the Leadership puts together activities such as karaoke, musical chairs, and students are not using their phones that is something that the school expects. There are fewer phones used in the classroom and during passing period and students seem to be taking the directive more seriously. The CAHSEE was given for the past two days. An annoyance with the Student Senate or Leadership is that the information does not get out or shared with everyone. For example, in requesting information for this meeting, Leadership was unaware of current activities. The information gets lost in communication, and this is an area that needs improvement. The *Outrageous Musical Gala* takes place tomorrow as a fundraiser for future plays. On March 7, MESA Day takes place, where math and science teachers and students participate in competition with multiple projects, such as prosthetic arm, egg drop, mouse trap.

6. Agenda Items (old business)

a) WASC Progress

Discussion: Edits on the first draft is being done. The department narratives will be revisited in the next two Wednesdays. The next draft will be fairly complete with minor additions as the school year progresses because the WASC is a living document and keeps a record of what we do from the beginning to the time of the visit, so when they come and visit, they can see historically where the school has been and where it is going. The Committee will assess the accuracy of the information that is revealed to them. We have things prepared for their visit, such as sharing best practices not only in lessons but best practices in classrooms. Pictures have been taken as exemplars and teachers will be gathering evidence boxes, accordion files will be purchased to help teachers with visitors to get the full classroom experience. February 25 will be the second draft that will go to the visiting committee and the last revision will be during the second week of March which will provide six weeks for the visiting committee to review.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Vote:

YES:	NO:	ABSTAINED:	N/A: X
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- b) Parent Involvement
c) Climate

Discussion: b) Parent Involvement: There were 8 parents interested in the WASC. Two attended. Growth is a critical barrier. In lieu of sending emails, the communication was broadened with data sharing and report sharing in trying to get the parent knowledge up.

c) Climate: Students will be pulled into computer labs during the 4th week of February, and parent flyers will be distributed during Academic Night, to be completed in about one month and results processed by October.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Vote:

YES:	NO:	ABSTAINED:	N/A: X
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7. Agenda Item (new business)

- a) Department report: Math (tabled)
b) Technology Survey Results

Discussion:

a) Math:

Tabled for March – math teachers at that time will review the benchmark tests, intervention classes, SAT and CAHSEE and extra-curricular activities; Algebra II and Algebra II/Trig.

b) Technology Survey Results:

38% of teachers perceive the quality of internet speed as excellent or above average
13% of students are part of the student technology support team
65% of teachers rate the quality of LCDs or interactive whiteboards as excellent
38% of teachers rate the quality of devices as excellent or above average
65% of teachers believe they can fix technology problems encountered
82% of teachers spend less than 3 hours teaching digital citizenship
83% of teachers who use assistive technology use it with students at least monthly
95% of students and teachers have access to the internet at home

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Vote:

YES:	NO:	ABSTAINED:	N/A: X
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c) Budget for LCFF

Discussion:

The importance of submitting paperwork timely has been stressed to teachers. One event involving 8 students was pulled because the transportation and forms were not available on time. Fortunately, there will be another event in April for the students to attend. The estimated budget includes the following clubs and events: Multi-Cultural Week @ \$1800; Drumline @ 3000; Rising Scholars @ 2985; MESA @ 2500; JSA @ 2500; AASU 1500; Student Education Advisory Council @ 1500; French Club @ 1200. This is the first round of the LCFF funds. Activities funded by the LCFF funds should be publicized in future newsletters to not only inform parents and students, but also allows opportunities for organizations to submit their interests and fund requests.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Vote: YES: 7 NO: 0

8. Next Agenda (discussion and action items for next meeting)

1. WASC progress
2. Department report: (1) Math
3. Safety Plan
4. SSC Recommendations and Assurances

9. Meeting adjourned @ 5.50 p.m.

10. Principal Signature _____

Date_____