



**Palos Verdes High School
School Site Council Meeting December 11, 2017**

1. The School Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:00pm with the pledge of allegiance
2. Matters of Business:
 - a. Minutes of the last SSC meeting of 10/23/17 were approved by unanimous vote
 - b. SIPSA report as amended was adopted by unanimous consent
3. Dr. Charles Park, Principal
 - a. Shadow Day for Private Schools took place for families considering enrolling at one of the public high schools. For the first time, parents who's children attended independent schools had the opportunity to speak with parents considering making the switch
 - b. Open House welcoming prospective families will take place 1/31 from 6-8 pm. Its an exciting event celebrating the range of academic offerings, rich co-curricular programming, athletics and numerous opportunities for growth offered at PVHS
 - c. Chat rooms during Open House will be offered for parents to speak with prospective families about the PVHS experience, allay concerns and welcome newcomers
 - d. Boat races will take place 12/12 during lunch, with faculty members, students, and staff manning student-created skiffs in a spirit of exuberant competition
 - e. This year's Look Book will be offered solely as a digital download
 - f. A photo of over 600 students representing the various facets of PVHS will be taken
 - g. Professional development lunches and meetings allow 1st year faculty to meet and collaborate with more experienced teachers, fostering opportunities for joint programming and a cross-curricular approach to learning
4. Danny Barbara, Associate Principal
 - a. The SIPSA report has been reviewed and finalized
 - b. Master Calendar for 2018-2019 will be completed shortly
 - c. WASC accreditation has confirmed excellent existing programs while providing guidelines to achieve further goals. Report should be ready for adoption by January 2018
 - d. Ideas and contributions of parents and other community members is still welcome, the portal remains open
5. Keely Hafer, Associate Principal
 - a. Faculty and their families had the opportunity to gather socially outside the classroom and school. All enjoyed a fun dinner out and a night of bowling.
 - b. Fostering bonds of community enhances communication and promotes a collaborative, positive educational environment.
6. Cecilia Remeta- Department of World Languages -
 - a. Program to assist students in oral fluency has been fully implemented
 - b. Cultural aspect of seasonal festivities is being shared in all classes
 - c. New Korean and Latin classes are well subscribed and running smoothly
 - d. New faculty has provided fresh perspectives, settled into a productive routine
 - e. Languages website is being updated and will contain pertinent information about course offerings, AP exams, co-curricular events, service learning opportunities

7. Bill Peterman- English (absent, report submitted)
 - a. NoRedInk is a writing-improvement program intended for lower-to-medium skills students. The English department of PVPHS is also considering its adoption
 - b. Accelerated Reader is a reading enhancement program that the department is in the process of implementing. It should be available to students in January
 - c. New copies of certain core novels will be purchased
 - d. Only 6 classes remain until final exams. Its a stressful time for students and teachers
8. Julie Munoz - Science
 - a. Students in Honors Biology will work on a plasma DNA project
 - b. Students have developed Research Science projects in a variety of pertinent areas
 - c. A number of faculty members will participate in Next Gen science training 1/26 through the District
9. Cyndi Mitchell - Math
 - a. The AP Computer Science course has been highly subscribed and will be offered again. Students have the unique opportunity to engage in coding projects
 - b. Algebra and Geometry class testing results will be compared to UC curriculum recommendations to assess strengths and areas for improvement
10. Kristy Jiminez - Art/PE/CTE
 - a. Jen Warren is participating in an Art Show on 1/12, with a reception at PVAC
 - b. Arts Honor Society
 - c. Video teacher Rene Villa has submitted work to a nationally juried show
 - d. Joe Pinkelman took his Art History students to LACMA
 - e. Art students submitting work to a local show with the theme: Not Enough Memory
 - f. Students can audition for the Jazz trio and orchestra. 8th graders were invited to audition for the orchestra so they may participate as incoming freshmen
 - g. PVHS students are participating in a beautification project at Lunada Bay
 - h. HS students work with 1-2 youngsters consistently over 6 years to help cultivate their artistic talents
11. PVIT/Engineering/VEX: Lorraine Norris
 - a. Civil Engineering and Architecture course has been well attended and successful in its inception
 - b. Needs a comprehensive system of mats to cover and preserve gym floor. There have been upwards of 33 teams of 5-10 students involved in robotics competitions
 - c. Engineering students about to submit a proposal to the district for travel funds
 - d. Engineering equipment have been shared with students from other classes, especially for design and art projects. A senior applying to an architecture school created a scale building models using machines used for robotics, promoting cross-disciplinary collaboration between students as well
12. Megan Lichther - Counseling
 - a. Senior college applications are largely completed
 - b. Counselors have been meeting with Freshmen about 2nd semester courses
 - c. There'll be some movement in schedules, as students may drop a level to a less rigorous course on a space available basis
 - d. Mid-year schedule changes for other grades is handled on an individual basis
 - e. The Naviance program has been upgraded
 - f. Parent information sessions on utilizing this resource are planned for Jan-Fe
 - g. College Counseling sponsors presentation by private firm Compass on scheduling SAT and/or ACT for 11th grade students and families
 - h. Mindfulness sessions offered during lunch in the Wellness Center on B Day Tuesdays
 - i. SCROC courses are offered for students interested in gaining work experience through EMT licensure or other practical training

13. Jennifer Egan - AVID
 - a. AVID site and team members must be certified annually
 - b. Seniors are in the process of completing college applications
 - c. Juniors are continuing with their test preparations
 - d. Sophomores are immersed in Roadtrip Nation- a program which allows students to explore how their interests can blossom into careers through interactive lessons and engaging multi-media content
 - e. Freshmen are immersed in writing workshop
 - f. Karla Heidelberg, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies at USC was brought to campus to speak with AVID students. SCROC will speak with students Wednesday in time to consider these classes for next term
 - g. Partnered with PTSA and True Circle to provide used backpacks and fill them with essentials for homeless individuals

14. SPED: Allyson Klabe
 - a. Advisor of the Friendship Club
 - b. Special days being sponsored to teach life skills
 - c. Twice a month during lunch, speakers or other special programming is offered

15. Richard Burton
 - a. The current custodial day staff and the night crew are extremely dedicated and work cooperatively making for maximum efficiency
 - b. Cafeteria is working on obtaining a second food cart to alleviate lines during lunch. Hoping to re-implement Grill Wednesdays
 - c. Security team is working well together, engaging students and maintaining high standards of safety
 - d. Faculty lounge improvements have been appreciated by all

16. PTSA: Heather Matson
 - a. Staff Holiday breakfast to thank teachers, administrators and staff to take place 12/13
 - b. Reflections Lunch celebration, winners to go on to compete at next level
 - c. Searching for a home to host a reality parent education program about substance abuse in teens
 - d. Considering programs to support students, educate teens about health, wellness, how to manage relationships, exposure to substance, reduce anxiety
 - e. Participation in True Circle, a program that delivers backpacks containing essentials and food to homeless people. Students were asked to collect used backpacks and assisted in filling and delivering the items

17. Booster Club: Bethelyn Dawson (absent, report submitted)
 - a. 43% of PVHS families are booster club members. Booster Club is constantly looking for ways to increase participation
 - b. Catch the Wave will be held March 9 at the Portofino Hotel, a new venue precipitated by the prohibitive cost of services at Palos Verdes Golf Club
 - c. Reviewing sports and clubs participation packet and updating in hopes of encouraging more families to donate

18. ASB (Associated Student Body) Vice President: Jake Nolls, student
 - a. Class Competition raised spirit and was a success with Seniors prevailing
 - b. Preparing for Winter week -movie and other activities planned
 - c. Winter Formal 1/27/18 to be held at California Science Center, Space Shuttle site

19. BTC (Be the Change) Vice President: Megan Colaruotolo, student
 - a. Torrance Memorial Walk to take place 2/24/18
 - b. Yellow Ribbon Week scheduled to begin 3/18/18
 - c. Color walk being organized, implementing new ideas/improvements

20. PAC (Principal's Advisory Committee) Representative: Matin Razepoor
 - a. Skechers walk had a hearty turnout and was a financial success
 - b. Families participated, making it a positive cross class and community-wide activity
 - c. New members have been added to the council
 - d. Sunset Tours will be offered to guide small groups of 8th graders around campus
 - e. Speech and Debate continued to final round of competition garnering 2nd place
21. 9th grade: Koa Vetterlein, student
 - a. Freshman class is preparing for first HS final exams
 - b. Looking forward to a well-deserved respite during holidays
22. 10th grade: absent
23. 11th grade: Matin Razepoor
 - a. President's Advisory Council (PAC)- participate and help in many behind the scenes events: disaster drill, meetings, conferences
 - b. Preparing for ACT and SAT, AP courses
 - c. PSAT test scores were released earlier in the day. This diagnostic is invaluable in guiding college-bound students.
 - d. Expecting a number of National Merit finalists
 - e. Juniors are preparing for final exams and AP exams in May
24. 12th grade: Jenna McFarland absent, report sent
 - a. Seniors are still in the midst of the college application process
 - b. Many have received decisions for early action
 - c. All enjoyed winning 1st place at the Class Competition
 - d. Schoolwork remains a priority, though the final semester at PVHS is looming
 - e. The class is treasuring its remaining time together

Meeting adjourned at 4:45
School Site Council Meetings:

Mondays 3-5 pm in Library

October 23, 2017
December 11, 2017
February 5, 2018
April 30, 2018