

Site Council Meeting Notes
4 December 2019
Oakmont High School
Location: Library

Next Meeting: January 8, 2020

Attendees: Jay Hester - Parent; Jennifer Mquqwana - Parent; Gina Stahlecker - Parent; Jolie Anderson - Student; Ruben Maldonado - Student; Alyssa Schmidt - Student; Albert Lee - Staff; Liane Baldwin - Staff; Chay Thomas - Staff; Rob Hasty - Staff; Jolie Geluk - Presenter; Noe Ochoa - Presenter

1. Call to order at 4:59pm
2. Approval of Minutes: October Minutes Approved
 - a. Motion made by Ruben Maldonado
 - b. Seconded by Albert Lee
 - c. Unanimous approval
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Student Report
 - i. Successful Dude Be Nice Week and staff breakfast this morning
 - ii. Santa's Helpers field trip this week
 - b. Staff Report
 - i. Spring schedule change requests - requests by Friday and then changes beginning next week
 - ii. For the past two months, newsletters have been sent to all families including a section for safety at the request of some families
 - iii. Gearing up for finals in two weeks and next term
4. New Business
 - a. NGSS Chemistry Course Overview
 - i. Course would follow NGSS Biology and likely NGSS Physics
 - ii. Goal is to get kids thinking critically about the sciences with a hands-on approach
 - iii. Focus on the engineering design process
 - iv. Units range from periodic table of elements to matter to human impact
 - v. Confirmed that Oakmont has sufficient lab space for such an experiment-heavy course
 - vi. Course would replace Honors Chemistry
 - vii. For the most part, it is believed that the NGSS course aligns with the AP/IB curriculum to set up students for success, but it will be discovered completely through initial AP/IB testing
 - viii. Unanimous approval
 - b. American Sign Language Course
 - i. West Park High School wants ASL to be a main foreign language

- ii. Two other schools in the district are hoping to offer it, which raises the issue of finding 3 credentialed teachers of ASL
- iii. Questions as to if it would be initially offered as a “fifth period” type of class
- iv. ASL would fit in a Language Other than English slot of the A-G
- v. ASL is a strong program at Sierra with high enrollment
- vi. Question posed as to whether the course would include cultural levels of the Deaf community (yes)
- vii. Question posed as to whether an ASL program would displace current foreign language programs and at West Park no since it is a new school
- viii. We are not unanimous, but the ASL course has been approved
- ix. Dual enrollment is an articulation between Oakmont and Sierra College so that kids can take college level classes at the high school level
 - 1. This program may be coming to Oakmont soon
 - 2. It is necessary to find teachers with a Masters

c. Class Rank

- i. Discussion of removals of class rank and val/sal
- ii. Class rank has been declining in importance in college admission
- iii. For bullying and mental health reasons Granite Bay abolished the class rank
- iv. Points were made as to how it works with weighted grades, class size, programs, and students making decisions based on class ranks
- v. Many nearby high schools have abolished the class rank for suicide issues and mental health
- vi. This idea will be brought to the RJUHSD board at their 12/17/19 meeting

d. District Data

- i. Pie chart showing the racial distribution of the district; majority caucasian, then latino, then asian
- ii. Once West Park high school opens, Oakmont expects a major decrease
- iii. Demographically, Oakmont is no different than common, American trends that males of color tend to under-perform their white and asain cohorts
- iv. Review of Oakmont January 2019 perception data
- v. Sports has improved from about 5 years ago
- vi. Responses tended to vary and one of our low points were that “students were treated fairly by other students” which was slightly above a 3
- vii. Large portions of parents and staff responded to the survey, but family responses were low - questions posed as to families being communicated with sufficiently
- viii.

5. Announcements