

Arcadia High School Site Council

Minutes

December 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM by Mike Pasqua in AHS conference room 1.

In Attendance: Chris Marston (Teacher), Mike Pasqua (Teacher), Barbara Young (Teacher), Angela Dillman (Teacher), Gina Zavala (Counselor), Jonathon Kwok (Student), Karen Acosta (parent), Jack Jeong (parent), Lakshmi Damerla (parent), Catherine Merel (Administrator), Jennifer Lashier (administrator), and Craig Wiblemo (Administrator).

Minutes from the 11/3/11 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved as amended.

Motion: Karen Acosta

Second: Angela Dillman

Motion passed.

Gate Funds/Block Grant (approval):

There were no monetary issues to approve this session. The GATE Committee met and established priorities for funding for this year. Based upon the changes to several advanced placement courses, the GATE Committee determined that the primary use of funds should be for teacher training for said courses. Courses such as AP Spanish Lit and Chemistry would be the first priority and field trips tied to AP courses could follow. Academic teams would take a lesser priority and may have to rely upon fundraising, rather than gain access to limited GATE funds.

Presentation:

Catherine Merel presented the Single Plan for Student Achievement that members had previously received via email. Small corrections were made. The plan will go on to SSLT as amended. It was decided to vote on approval of plan today, with the knowledge that we could meet again if needed to approve any substantive changes later. One conversation related to the plan was the issue of limiting number of AP courses a student is allowed to take. From student perspective, J. Kwok believes students would be upset if forced to take less, while teachers see the ill effects of overloading one's schedule. Parent J. Jeong expressed frustration with the competition level at AHS versus other schools from the perspective of college admissions.

Motion: Barb Young

Second: Chris Marston

Adjournment: Mike Pasqua adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm after a motion to adjourn made by Chris Marston, and a second from Gina Zavala.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2012 in Conference Rm 1