



Mills Planning Committee (MPC)

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, Zoom,

4:15-5:15 pm

***Vision:** Mills students embrace learning for growth. They use the power of creativity, collaborative problem-solving and critical thinking to make a positive impact on our world.*

***Mission:** Mills High School provides a safe, vibrant and inclusive learning environment that promotes equitable opportunities for all students to achieve academic goals while giving them the tools and resources to access personal growth, well-being and balance.*

MPC Members:

Parent Representatives: David Sprecher (Chair), Minfang Gao, Catherine Dalmas

Teacher Representatives: Mary Rustia (Vice Chair), Jayde Tijero, Alexandra Dove

Other Staff Representatives: Jonathan White, Eric Ding

Student Representatives: ASB Representatives - TBD

Present: Mr. Sprecher, Ms. Gao, Ms. Dalmas, Ms. Dove, Ms. Tijero, AP White, An Ding, Principal Duszynski

Agenda:

A. Welcome & Introductions-Ms. Duszynski/Mr. Sprecher, 4:15-4:25

- Members introduced themselves; we welcomed two new members to the team this year, AP White and Catherine Dalmas

B. Review & Approval of Minutes from May- Mr. Sprecher, 4:25

C. Review of Bylaws & Approval-Ms. Duszynski/Mr. Sprecher, 4:25-4:45

- Group reviewed Bylaws, made some changes to language for consideration next time. Will be sent via email for approval in October.
- Approve future meeting dates: 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3

D. Recording of terms

- Mr. Sprecher, year 2 as chairperson (parent)
- Ms. Gao, year 2 as member (parent)
- Catherine Dalmas, year 1 as member (parent)
- Ms. Dove, year 2 as teacher member (teacher)
- Ms. Tijero, year 2 as other staff member (other staff)
- Mr. White, year 1 as other staff member (other staff)
- An Dang, year 1 as student representative (student)
- Ms. Rustia, year 2 vice-chair (teacher)

Nominations for secretary solicited. No nominations at this time. Will consider for October meeting and vote.

E. Report out: Ms. Duszynski/Mr. Sprecher, 4:45-5:00 (Next meeting, agenda will be shared in advance to allow members to add report outs in advance)

- Student Report: An reported that it's been a little tough getting back to school after the summer. Nice to see friend's faces again without masks. Not much different. Air conditioning in the gym for volleyball.
- Parent report: Club fair and saw more students join clubs than last year and higher participation. Most participation in 10th and 11th grade, we should encourage more 9th graders to participate in clubs. Back-to-School Night saw each classrooms and appreciated the presentations by each teacher but the time was too short. Teachers had to speak quickly and it was hard to get feedback. Consider more time. Good to see so many parents at B2S. Agreed with limits on time, didn't have much time to ask questions because presentation lasted most of the time. Longer teacher time would allow for more questions. Really liked the night. Hot days, especially yesterday, was hot. PE still had to run laps and do burpees and exercise. Had to run longer and do more because of missed absences. Suggest modifying schedule because of heat. Need to consider modified outdoor activity or indoor activity for hot days. Also, concerned about teacher's health, standing outside 4-5 hours on hot days.
- Staff/Teacher report: Ms. Dove shared her feedback around the new schedule from the teacher perspective on the passing period. Ms. Dove shared things have been good and it feels like the first year that we're not coming back immediately from trauma of the pandemic. Lots of participation in activities. First rally was the success. Rally week full of spirit. New staff members participated and enjoyed it. Club fair last week. Back-to-school night. Thinking about next weeks—student-led Mental Health Assembly, goal is to destigmatize mental health issues. Homecoming rally with another new spirit week. September and October can be long months.
- Principal's report: Echoed sentiment of positive vibes. Hosted first football game last Friday with high school spirit. Back-to-School Night strong turn out. AP White had an opportunity to meet new parents. End of first grading period on 9/16. Lots of activities that allow us to do the foundational relationship building with our students. Did our first drill to practice safety. Will do future drills according to Big Five.

F . Annual Fund Requests & Updates, Ms. Duszynski/Mr. Sprecher, 5:00-5:15

- New Requests & Budget Review
 - Ms. Duszynski provided a background of the Annual Fund and the request process. Ms. Dalmas sits on the PTO and will ask the PTO president and chair of the AF to come to the October 5th meeting to strategize around fundraising efforts.
 - Mr. Sprecher clarified if the new budget included the .2 counselor allocation that the group approved in May. It isn't in the budget as an allocation. Ms. Duszynski will follow up with Ms. Landa to include that allocation, as well as the adjustment for pay raise so it's accurately reflected.
 - Presentation of AF requests.
 - Approve classroom SPED materials, one yearbook camera and three classroom upgrades. Group requested for further discussion around calculators and science equipment, and wanted to know more about costumes and props by drama, included efforts by Drama Club to fundraise and how many students are asked to provide their own costumes. Motion made by Mr. Sprecher, seconded by Ms.Gao. Approved.

Upcoming Events:

- End of 6 Week Grading Period, 9/16
- Student Led Mental Health Assembly, 9/19
- Senior College Info Night, MHS Counseling Department, 9/29, Webinar

Items for next time:

- Limit reports to two to save time
- Look at LCAP/SPSA Goals