

Palo Alto High School Site Council
MINUTES
Monday, April 21, 2025
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Palo Alto High School - Room Tower 29

High Quality Teaching & Learning || Equity & Access || Wellness & Safety

Paly Norms

- *Full Engagement of All*
- *Efficient Use of Time*
- *Be Clear and Concise*
- *Respect Self, Others, the Process, and Our Working Environment*

Attendance for Y24-10-21 Meeting

Member	Email	Present/Sub
Principal - Brent Kline	bkline@pausd.org	Y
Parents		
Vani Hombal	hombal.vani@gmail.com	Y
Tsolmon Khudulmur	tsolmon.khudulmur@gmail.com	N
Raj Rajagopalan	rajraj@alum.mit.edu	N
Lijing Sun	sunnyside@gmail.com	Y
PTSA Rep		
Valerie Rainey	president@palyptsa.org	Y
Teachers		
Kathi Bowers	kbowers@pausd.org	Y
Sarah Gilmore	sbrankis@pausd.org	N
Justin Cronin	jcronin@pausd.org	Y
Liz Poux	epoux@pausd.org	Y
Sima Thomas	stthomas@pausd.org	Y
Classified		
Mary Ellen Bena	mbena@pausd.org	Y

Jen Fernandez	jfernandez@pausd.org	N
Students		
Olivia Woo (9)	ow48853@pausd.us	Y
Aeshaan Singhal (10)	as49256@pausd.us	Y
Savannah Taylor (11)	st54462@pausd.us	Y
Rahul Shetty (12)	rs32570@pausd.us	N

Start Time		Agenda Item
4:02 PM		Call to Order - Welcome New Members
4:05 PM		<p>Review and Approve October 21st meeting minutes March 2025 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Liz Poux • 2nd Kathy Bowers <p>Minutes are public - posted on the Paly website.</p>
4:05 PM		<p>Open Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the community may address the Council on non-agenda items <p>Nothing to report Jane A. is in attendance</p>
4:06 pm		<p>Student update:</p> <p>Juniors: quadchilla; class council tomorrow to discuss new events; nothing recent to report</p> <p>Sophomores: end of year social - boba and fun activities</p> <p>Freshmen: Olivia: no big updates; talking about end of year social - budget friendly - ie, Otter Pops; budget spent on boba</p>
4:08 PM		<p>Parent updates:</p> <p>The international cultural event was a success; do it again next year, bigger and better</p> <p>Tables were lots of fun and engaging, and varied. Parents came together to organize the event.</p> <p>Brent Kline Students were engaged in watching the event (technical difficulties interlude)</p>
4:20 PM		<p>SPSA approval process</p> <p>Revised Mental Health and Wellness SPSA - updated SMART goal for wellness</p> <p>Looked at by the site council, the ed council students</p> <p>Jigsaw Mental Health and Wellness/Attendance goals to read and discuss</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <p>Differentiate between disengagement and truancy, and students not feeling the need to go to class on the school schedule</p> <p>Building student-teacher relationships</p> <p>Building uniformity on scanning in and out during class</p> <p>The first 3 attendance goals are all about tracking</p> <p>Last about engagement</p>

		<p>Mental health and wellness group: page 13</p> <p>-ultimate goal - addressing disparities between students' sense of connectedness; Do we need to add LGBTQ students as a marginalized group; anything specific to SpEd;</p> <p>Concern about objectives: since there was mention of some groups based on ethnicity - then should other groups be identified as groups to watch/track along with ethnicity/race.</p> <p>Other groups that may feel isolated? Other groups that have a particular identity, which makes them feel isolated.</p> <p>Discussed "Academic Stress" - we have no control over many aspects of this idea. What does responsibility for academic stress look like?</p> <p>Getting close to finalizing</p> <p>We will look at the final product at the next site council meeting</p>
5:00 PM		<p>Motion to adjourn: Mary Ellen</p> <p>Second: Liz Poux</p>

Upcoming Site Council Meetings: 2024-25 meeting dates as follows: , 5/19