

penultimate item on each meeting agenda is to review the date and time for the next meeting. Mr. Greenberg also expressed some concern about the 4:30 start time, in terms of being able to secure parent and community involvement in our meetings. Noting that there were no parents or community representatives at this meeting, Mr. Greenber agreed to reach out to Mr. Marlin the Parent Team members to discuss the issue. He also agreed to reach out to Mr. Parra to discuss the ways we can achieve student representation in these challenging times.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Site Council officers (above): FArmenta 2nd: SIngram
 Approved unanimously

Motion to approve the tentative meeting schedule (above): CAdams 2nd: LHetschel
 Approved unanimously

IV. School-Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Update: Ms. Nasta Discussion
 (Mr. Armenta reported that the SCPC has not yet begun to meet this year, so no report.)

V. Principal’s Report: Mr. Armenta Discussion

Mr. Armenta offered the following informational items:

- Current enrollment is 1,696, as efforts continue to locate all of our students. Our budget was based on a projected enrollment of 1,750 students – Mr. Armenta said he would like us to get up to at least 1,725. He reiterated his concerns that below-budget enrollment might leave us open to staff reductions, which he would like to avoid. He singled out the front office and Student Services staff to praise their efforts to find all of our kids.
- Mr. Armenta reported that during the summer we only needed to hire 5 new teachers, which is about half the number of new teachers that usually start the year with us as new hires. He stated that this is a positive for our students in terms of continuity.
- Mr. Armenta also announced that Cholla HS has been approved for Phase III of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant, this year totalling \$700,000, to fund our Cholla Afterschool Program (CAP). He thanked those involved in securing this funding for our school: Ms. Adams, Ms. Case, Ms. Noriega, and Ms. Perkins.
- Mr. Armenta then asked Assistant Principal Tariq Rasool to give the Council an update on athletics and operations.
- Mr. Rasool advised the Council that, like so many other things in this time of the pandemic, high school athletics is still very much in limbo. According to Mr. Rasool, High School athletics is currently at Phase I, meaning practices and other activities can take place outside only – with no access to indoor facilities. There is a cross-country meet scheduled for September 16. We are preparing for this meet, even though Mr. Rasool expects it to be cancelled. The situation is obviously quite fluid, which makes planning and preparation difficult. But what student-athletes CAN do in the interim is get themselves signed up, register for the sports they want, get their physical exams, and so forth. Teachers and staff should encourage students to take these steps now, so that they can be ready when we get the word that athletics can move to Phase II and beyond.
- Mr. Rasool stated that our lengthy period of school closure has given us time to address a number of pressing needs on our campus – many of which he’s been lobbying the District to support for years. These include re-roofing the Commons building (est. cost \$3million), reburbishing the bathrooms, re-



wiring the alarm and intercom systems, refurbishing the South Gym coaches' offices, installing a new stage in the auditorium, and refurbishing the floor of the dance studio.

- Finally, Mr. Rasool advised the Council that staff should ONLY come to Cholla if they've made a prior appointment with Renee Parra first. Because of greatly enhanced safety requirements, any areas visited by staff must be noted and disinfected once the staff member leaves. Signing in to the office is crucial.

VI. Information on Family Engagement: Ms. Ingram Discussion

Mr. Armenta introduced Ms. Sharon Ingram, our new assistant principal in charge of Student Services, replacing Ms. Kristi Stickel. Part of Ms. Ingram's responsibilities include heading up our efforts to improve our family engagement, so this standing agenda item will now be her's. Ms. Ingram began by introducing herself briefly, advising the Council that she has previously spent 28 years as a teacher and administrator in TUSD, mostly at Tucson HS, followed by a year working for Pima County before joining Cholla HS. Having introduced herself, Ms. Ingram briefed the Council on the following topics:

- In an effort to facilitate online learning, Student Services has distributed more than 1,000 laptop computers to students, along with nearly 100 wi-fi "hot-spot" devices. She reports that there are still laptop computers and wi-fi hot-spot devices available, if students and families need them.
- Ms. Ingram also stated that students facing technology issues or need technology-related equipment should call the main Cholla HS line (225-4000), as these calls are being routed to all members of the Student Services team to help students and families solve these issues as expeditiously as possible. Issue of equipment MUST be done by appointment only, to be arranged with Renee Parra.
- Ms. Ingram reminded Councillors that this Thursday night will be our annual Open House and Title-I Curriculum night. She said that the original plan was to open the evening on Facebook live, but that when administration attempted a test-run, there were simply too many technical difficulties to make this a practical idea. Therefore, it was decided that the opening would also occur on ZOOM – the "invitation" has been transmitted to parents via text messages. Teachers should post this information to their class Teams folders, along with invitations to teachers' individual ZOOM information for Open House. She also said that Student Services staff will be available for parents during Open House, including Mr. Wunderlich (social worker), Ms. Cabral (College and Career Center), Ms. Billings (new IB Coordinator), and all guidance counsellors.
- Finally, Ms. Ingram is calling for volunteers to join her Family Engagement team. First meeting will be on September 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

VII. 2020-2021 Student Registration & Master Schedule: Ms. Adams Discussion

Ms. Adams informed the Council that there are two new members of the Academic Intervention Team (AIT): Dr. Jacqueline Croteau (data analyst) and Mr. Stephen Sagi (curriculum service provider). In addition, Ms. Adams briefed the Council on the following:

- As we're all aware, the Bell schedule has changed, with a 7:40 start time. Mr. Armenta added that 80% of our students arrive on campus between 7:05 and 7:10 anyway, and it was felt that this would minimize the extra time students spend on campus (especially important for student safety during the current pandemic). He also stated that he has received positive feedback regarding the resulting earlier end-of-school time.



- *There was some discussion regarding how the schedule might change when the pandemic has abated to the extent that students (and staff) can be safely allowed back on campus. Mr. Armenta said that he would like to maintain the current “conference periods” (Tuesday and Friday mornings, and Wednesday afternoons). Teachers on the Council expressed agreement. Mr. Armenta said he would like to open these periods up for use by Mr. Wunderlich and his group sessions, as well as for use by some of the various student clubs on campus.*
- *Ms. Adams noted that we have now passed the initial 10-day enrollment reporting period, so she and the Student Services team are looking at students who’ve enrolled but not shown up. She also said that there aren’t very many classes that need to be balanced, but that this project is also underway.*
- *Finally, Ms. Adams announced that we now have 4 teacher technology liaisons (TTLs), with our own Lori Hetschel joining existing TTLs Tammy Case, Valerie Frazier, and Julie Lindner.*

VIII. Date/Time of and agenda items for next meeting **Discussion**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., via ZOOM.

IX. Adjournment **Action**

Motion to adjourn: CAdams 2nd: LHetschel Approved unanimously

If you have any questions about the above agenda – or if you have issues that you’d like the Cholla High School Council to consider, please contact our facilitator, Mr. William J. Greenberg, by email:

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