SDM SHARED DECISION MAKING

Santa Maria High School

November 7, 2024 + 4:15 pm + Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Members

Х	Steve Campbell - Principal	Х	Monica Garcia – Staff	
Х	Omar Gonzalez	Х	Cecilia Grimaldo - Teacher	Juvenal Cortez - Parent
Х	Lus Enriquez – Parent	Х	Marina Rodriguez - Parent	Parent – Alt
Х	Mahlia Gonzalez - Student	Х	Reyna Ramirez - Student	Melissa Ramirez – Student Alt.
Х	Ingrid Cruz Herrera			

I. Welcome

• Welcome and new member introductions.

II. Safety Plan and Traffic Improvements

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety:
 - Enhanced pedestrian crossings and traffic management on Morrison were discussed.
 - Recent improvements include lighted crosswalks, red curbing in front of the building, and exploring a one-way street proposal.
 - The committee acknowledged ongoing collaboration with the city to improve traffic flow and safety.
- Dress Code and Safety Policies: Mentioned in relation to the broader safety plan, including future discussions on safety enhancements.

III. CSF Chapter and Lunch Distribution Renovations

• CSF Chapter Establishment:

- A California Scholarship Federation (CSF) chapter is being established, with Mr. Medina and Mr. Yonic Perez serving as sponsors.
- Work is underway to finalize the transcript list and launch the chapter.

• Lunch Distribution Improvements: Renovations in the lunch distribution area are planned to improve efficiency and service.

IV. Senior Privileges and Attendance Policies

- Senior Privileges (Prom and Grad Night):
 - Attendance thresholds for prom and grad night were reviewed, with consensus to keep the current appeal process.
 - Emphasis was placed on ensuring clear communication of attendance policies to students and parents.
- Appeal Process: The appeal process for students with over 20 absences was discussed, with the committee noting a high success rate for appeals.
- **Recommendation:** Suggestions were made to enhance communication about attendance requirements to both students and parents.

V. Beanie Policy Implementation

- New Beanie Policy:
 - A policy mandating SMHS beanies with logos was approved, with enforcement set to begin after Christmas.
 - A transition period will be provided for students to comply.
 - Feedback from students and SDM members generally supported the policy, with a recommendation for peaceful enforcement methods, such as providing alternative hats.
- Future Topics: Senior Parking and Off-Campus Lunch Privileges

• Senior Parking Privileges:

- A merit-based senior parking proposal was discussed, including the idea of allowing students to paint their parking spots.
- Off-Campus Lunch Privileges:
 - Concerns were raised regarding past experiences with off-campus lunch privileges, with further research and discussion required.
- Next Steps: Further review on these privileges will occur in upcoming meetings.

VII. Next Meeting and Agenda

- Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for January 27.
- Agenda for January 27: Will include minutes approval, bylaws review, and continued discussion on senior privileges and attendance policy communication.

Meeting Adjourned: