

**MINUTES FROM WHS SCHOOL COUNCIL - APPROVED
MARCH 13, 2023**

A meeting of the Wayland High School School Council was conducted remotely on March 13, 2023, due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation.

Allyson Mizoguchi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL	YES	NO
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Malcolm Astley (Community Member)	X	
Carolyn Crary (Staff Representative)	X	
Hedaia Elelimy (Student Representative)		X
Nancy Funkhouser (Community Member)	X	
Samantha Lee (Student Representative)	X	
Selena Liu (Student Representative)	X	
Leanne Mason (Parent Representative)		X
Joe Oneschuk (Staff Representative)		X
Ruchi Saggat (Parent Representative)	X	
Rena Shadday (Parent Representative)	X	
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X	
Lilly Watkins (Parent Representative)	X	

1. Public comment

There was no public comment.

2. Administrative matters

Approval of minutes: February 13, 2023

Suggestion to add the word "concerning" before the word "indicator."

Approval of minutes: February 13, 2023
Motion to approve with amendment: Malcolm Astley
Second: Lilly Watkins

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Malcolm Astley (Community Member)	X	
Carolyn Crary (Staff Representative)	X	
Samantha Lee (Student Representative)	X	
Selena Liu (Student Representative)	X	
Ruchi Saggari (Parent Representative)	X	
Rena Shadday (Parent Representative)	X	
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X	
Lilly Watkins (Parent Representative)	X	

3. Update on MWAHS data group

Subgroup will think about how to best communicate particularly the most alarming trends that the survey surfaced. Malcolm, Samantha, Nancy and Lilly volunteered. They will try to convene before the larger School Council meets.

Discussion about the role of the subgroup: empowered to synthesize and recommend who should do what with the data. Ultimately to communicate highlights of the data to effect positive change for students. Allyson clarified that other groups are discussing the data already (Counseling and Wellness departments, faculty meeting, SADD).

4. Eighth Grade Civics Project Email

Discussion related to outreach of current 8th graders as part of their civics project pertaining to a homework proposal defining the amount of homework for particular course levels. The group was wary of a blanket policy around homework but acknowledged that it is a source of stress for some students.

The group decided that Allyson would reach out to the students to let them know we've discussed the topic and invite them to more conversation.

5. Review and discussion of course enrollment process

Allyson provided an update of the course enrollment process and revisions. Teachers are in the process of making recommendations for current students. Shifts:

- Make more consistent the information shared with students and families about course options
- Make more consistent the individualized interactions between teachers/students about their recommendations
- Follow up with review by Counseling department for overall balance, then open portal for elective decisions
- Eventually examine the difference between recommendations and requests

Discussion about frequency of situations where student wants to a course that has not been recommended – historically fairly rare, but we will pay close attention now that the process has shifted

Some discussion on the possibility of offering enough sections of college level sections to accommodate students who may want to drop down.

Allyson described possible messaging that will be sent to students/families who are requesting a course that is not being recommended: we applaud desire to take a risk while informing them about scheduling difficulties should their decision change and the idea of productive struggle. This memo is being written and revised by Dept Head team; Allyson intends to share with this group as well.

6. Review and discussion of FY24 budget

This agenda item was not discussed.

7. Adjournment:

Motion to approve: Lilly Watkins

Second: Nancy Funkhouser

ROLL CALL	YES	NO
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Malcolm Astley (Community Member)	X	

Carolyn Crary (Staff Representative)	X
Nancy Funkhouser(Community Member)	X
Selena Liu (Student Representative)	X
Rena Shadday (Parent Representative)	X
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X
Lilly Watkins (Parent Representative)	X

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Mizoguchi
Jill Swenson