

Homer High School Site Council

September 2, 2025

Minutes



Site Council members present:

<u>X</u> Reid Rauch (Student)	<u>X</u> Sarah Richardson (Secretary/Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Marina Co (Student)	<u>X</u> Jeanette Schafer (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Mike Tozzo (Teacher) Term expires Spring 2026	<u>X</u> Amy Sundheim (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Kyle Schneider (Vice President/Teacher) Term Expires Spring, 2025	<u>X</u> Mike Illg (President/Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2025
<u>X</u> Deb Curtis (Teacher) Term Expires Spring, 2026	<u>X</u> Erica Marley (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Eric Simonsen (teacher) Term Expires, Spring, 2025	<u>X</u> Casey Eberle (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Alicia Phillips (Support Staff) Term Expires Spring, 2026	<u>X</u> Lia Calhoun (Community) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Julie Gauthier (Support Staff) Term Expires Spring, 2026	<u>X</u> Katie Bynagle (Vice Principal)
<u>X</u> Eric Pederson (Principal)	

Visitors

Sue Reynolds, Homer High School Counselor

Tim Daugherty, Visitor

Rachel Kincaid, Parent

Vicki Lowe, Teacher

Hannah Gustafson, Parent, SKPRC Coordinator

Agenda

- Call to order: 4:09
- Public Comment: Hannah Gustafson from SKP Resilience Coalition/Planet Youth offered an introduction to the Coalition with call to action for Council members to engage in the group's activities.
- Approval of Agenda: Bathrooms in the Commons added to Agenda & Agenda Approved
- Approval of Minutes: Approved

Old Business

- BP 5121 (student absence policy). Recognized that Site Council cannot change district policy though we can modify out student handbook. Motion made to table this topic to next meeting. Pederson/Bynagle to bring the policy and handbook to the Council for review.

New Business

1. Introduction of Site Council and Visitors.
2. Election of Open Seats: Mike Illg reinstated for another two year term, Vicki Lowe to replace Eric Simonsen whose term expired.
3. Election of Officers: Mike Illg voted president, Kyle Schneider voted vice-president, Sarah Richardson voted Secretary.
4. Student Council Report: Class meetings held and classes voted on their class colors. Elections are ongoing (online) and winner will be announced 9/3. Current focus is organizing Homecoming and Spirit Week. Marina Co to be the student rep with the School Board. Goals for Council are: clean up the council room, improved communication, increase engagement on spirit page. Introduced a request to make FOL signups more prominent and to increase passing period time.
5. Principal's Report: Good start to the year. We lost two certified teachers and had a short window to reconfigure the schedule. NHS group has taken on yearbook. New staffing and staffing changes announced. Homecoming on Sept 13 announced (working on a parade permit for the event), new cell phone policy in place and seemingly working

well, new sign in/out process implemented for students coming and going from the school, answered questions about new grading policy (D-grades and sports eligibility discussed).

6. Pupil General Activity Fund: Discussed the 710 accounts and coaching stipends. Tozza raised the issue of coaches having to fundraiser for a portion of their stipend. Site Council invited Jimmy and Rena from the District to explain the allowable expense inconsistencies. Illg asks for the allowable expense policy in writing, to be brought to next meeting. Pederson requested we allow the new District bookkeeper to settle into their job before revisiting the issue.
7. Bathrooms in Commons: Tile is coming off the walls in the bathrooms. This is deemed unsafe and unsightly for facilities that are used by students and the community. Illg asked to send a formal recommendation to the District to expedite the fix of these bathroom tiles. Pederson noted that he was promised this fix would be completed this summer. Illg to draft a letter to the District asking for the repair to.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:14