

Homer High School Site Council

October 7, 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, 2027
<u>X</u> Vicki Lowe (Teacher) Term Expires Spring, 2027	<u>X</u> Erica Marley (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Deb Curtis (Support Staff) Term Expires Spring, 2027	<u>X</u> Casey Eberle (Parent) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Julie Gauthier (Support Staff) Term Expires Spring, 2026	<u>X</u> Lia Calhoun (Community) Term Expires Spring, 2026
<u>X</u> Eric Pederson (Principal)	<u>X</u> Katie Bynagle (Vice Principal)
<u>X</u> Jody Alexander (Parent)	<u>X</u> Clayton Smith (Community)
<u>X</u> Rachel Kincaid (Parent)	

Visitors

Vanessa Fefelov, Homer High School Booster Club

Agenda

- Call to order: 4:08
- Public Comment: None
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to remove BP 5151 from the agenda and moved to next meeting
- Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes

Old Business

- BP 5121 Tabled to Next Meeting
- Commons Restroom Letter Update: Mike Ilg drafted a letter regarding the condition of the bathroom walls in the commons. Eric Pederson has a commitment from the borough to repair the bathroom walls over Christmas break. All items have been ordered for the project. It was noted that Rec basketball and Share the Spirit will be using the gym over break and accommodations will be made for them.
- Site Council Election Update: Eric Pederson reviewed the bylaws and noted that we did not get election notifications out in time. Superintendent Holland informed us that we can make an exception for one year. We will add Rachel Kincaid for this year and will hold elections next year. Pederson was asked to bring Site Council bylaws to a future meeting for Council review.

New Business

1. Student Council Report: Homecoming generated good involvement from the student body and made good money. Complaints about the music have been resolved. Junior Class met about prom and winter formal this past week. The sophomores are proposing a new dance as a fundraiser. The Freshmen are putting on their Haunted Hall. Marina and Reid going to APU. Thea James is working on a coffee cart (fundraisers for the student council general fund). Student council sweatshirts are being made and the student council room is being organized.
2. Homer High School Booster Club Introduction: Vanessa Fefelov attended the meeting from the Homer High

School Booster Club. She shared their mission and fundraising activities. Booster club represents 18 extra-curricular groups and supports fundraising to fill the gaps between what is budgeted at the school level and what is actually needed. Booster Club is a voting body, run by Roberts' Rules. Their next meeting is happening on Monday at 6pm at Homer High and all are welcome to attend.

3. Principal Update: School Climate at a high level with upticks in behavior. Friday is an in-service day. Staff are reviewing MAPS data and setting baselines and goals for the school (these include attendance). The PSAT will be held on Friday at HHS. Volleyball and Swim are away this week. Football is home for the playoffs. Hockey starts October 15. Congratulated the cross country team on the state championship and the 26 students on Borough Honor Choir. Q1 Grade check is coming up. Leadership is meeting to discuss service hours, scheduling, school offerings, and passing times. Large scheduling meeting will happen in spring. It will happen in-house in early May then be open to the community. Katie Bynagle was awarded Assistant Principal of the Year.
4. School Climate Report: The district set a goal for over 89% attendance last year. This year their goal is 95%. Currently HHS sitting at 90-94% attendance. The need to start encouraging students to be at the school was noted. December and January are the least attended months as well as March and April. Discussion was had about excused vs unexcused absences. Ilg asked about substitute teachers and it was noted that we have a shortage and need to recruit more.
5. Future Agenda Items: A reminder to Site Council members to email their proposed agenda items to Mike, Sarah, Julie and Eric a week before the Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:57pm