

Homer High School Site Council

May 6, 2026

Minutes



Site Council members present:

Katie Bynagle (asst. principal/non-member)

✓Lia Calhoun (Community)

✓Marina Co (Student)

✓Deb Curtis (Support Staff)

✓Tim Dougherty (School Board)

Casey Eberle (Parent)

✓Julie Gauthier (Support Staff)

✓Mike Illg (Chair/Parent)

✓Rachel Kincaid (Community)

✓Vicki Lowe (Teacher)

✓Erica Marley (Parent)

✓Eric Pederson (Principal)

✓Reid Rauch (Student)

✓Sue Reynolds (Teacher)

✓Sarah Richardson (Secretary/Parent)

✓Kyle Schneider (Vice Chair/Teacher)

Jeanette Schafer (Parent)

✓Clayton Smith (Community)

Amy Sundheim (Parent)

✓Mike Tozzo (Teacher)

Agenda

- Call to order: 4:06
- Approval of Agenda: Approved
- Approval of Minutes: Approved

Visitors: None

Old Business

- None

New Business

1. Student Council Report: Marina and Reid gave a thorough year-end summary of Student Council activities. Eric Pederson thanked them both for their contribution to student climate and culture.
2. Site Council Membership term update: August 19th is the last day to get your name on the list of nominees for next year's council. Administration will push the request for nominees out on all of their communication channels. The vote will occur in August. A form was passed around so that this year's members can signal their interest in continuing on with Site Council.
3. School Board Communication/Advocacy Opportunities: Discussed whether site council wanted to be on the agenda for school board meetings to share updates and advocate for the school. The consensus was that the more we speak, the better. Eric and Mike Illg think that's a great idea and tabled it for next year.
4. Administrative Report: Eric Pederson expressed gratitude to Tim Dougherty for his advocacy. Tim gave an update about the current state of school board funding. Eric discussed the most recent admin meeting where he noted that PTR will be cut, Mike Tozzo is currently moving to special ed, it looks like a 6-period day for next year with 7 periods for 27/28, and the plan is to move away from FOL next year. This is still in negotiations. There will be a lot of building use this summer, including extensive maintenance. Katie Bynagle introduced Mariner Time, a restructure of FOL that will be discussed during the upcoming leadership meeting.

5. Events Calendar: Julie Gautier reminded those planning events to look at the athletics part of the school calendar that is updated by Justin Zack every week. Kyle Schneider reported that there was a packed house for the Requiem over the weekend.
6. Discussion: Erica Marley asked about the AI policy and we learned that there is a board policy in place. Also discussed discipline trends and how upticks in discipline tend to increase this time of year. Mike Illg asked for a check-in on the cell phone policy and it was reported that students are better adhering to the rules in place.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:07