STUTTGART HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Special Election Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024 - 3:03 PM - 3:25 PM - SHS Library

2024-2025 Committee Members

School Principal:	Michael Jimerson
Parent Representatives:	Marc Lewis (SAC Chairperson)
	Maria Paige (SAC Secretary)
	Deirdre O'Leary (IAC Parent Rep)
Staff Representatives:	Olga Sims (Teacher Rep)
	Miata Coleman
	Karen Mills
Student Representative:	None present
School Liaison Officer:	Brian Pappas
Community Members:	Christine Gelerter
	Tracey Mays
	Eric Gaulin
	Lauren Manley

a. Open from the School Advisory Committee

1. **Principal's update -** Mr. Jimerson greeted everyone and engaged with attendees as everyone prepared for the chairperson to begin the election meeting.

2**. Chairperson update -** Upon Marc Lewis' arrival, he explained that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct annual elections. He further explained that a nomination form was prepared and advertised for vacant SAC positions through the Panther Express and that there were a total of two nominees with the most nominations for Parent Representatives.

b. Vacancy announcements/nominations

1. Marc Lewis then announced he'd be stepping down as Chairperson and announced Lauren Manley as his nomination for Chairperson.
2. Marc Lewis also announced the following vacancies with consideration for the three total nominees presented above:
    a. 2 - Parent Reps
    b. 1 - Vice Chairperson/Teacher Rep
    c. 1 - Teacher Rep

c. Nominations

1. Marc announced the two Parent Representative nominations received from the online nomination form for Christine Gelerter and Eric Gaulin. He also expressed Shannon Soto's interest as a Teacher Representative, however, the committee would need to check the regulations and/or ask SLO (Brian Pappas) if she could be a Staff/ Teacher Representative given her position/ job. It was also referenced that Olga Sims may have interest in being Vice Chair; this will need to be confirmed.
2. There was confusion expressed regarding nomination submissions as not all nominees were announced.
3. Tracey Mays announced her submission as a nominee in the online form, along with potentially another parent who expressed interest at a previous SAC interest meeting, Sarah Asimakopoulos. However, these names weren't announced in the slate of nominees.
4. It was then deduced, based on returning committee members and new interest, that the following individuals have interest in being elected to the following positions:

    Lauren Manley - Chairperson/Parent Rep

    Maria Paige - Secretary/Parent Rep (return year 2)

    Deirdre O'Leary - IAC/Parent Rep (return year 2)

    Christine Gelerter - Parent Representative

    Eric Gaulin - Parent Representative

    Tracey Mays - Parent Representative

    Olga Sims - Teacher Representative

Shannon Soto - Teacher Representative

Hannah Bruce - Student Representative

d. Elections

1. Marc Lewis first announced that provided a popular nomination, the two Parent Representatives are hereby elected. He then motioned for the election of Lauren Manley as Chairperson. Eric Gaulin seconded, and additional votes were received from Deirdre O'Leary and Christine Gelerter. However, it was later determined that the committee would need two additional Teacher Representatives and that two of the Parent Representative nominees would have to participate as community members and/or share voting as the eight total committee size would be exceeded otherwise.
2. Tracey Mays and others expressed confusion for the election proceedings as awareness of the slate of nominees and election weren't openly advertised. The concerns were presented out of interest in abiding by regulations and preventing challenges down the road.
3. There was also a discussion on voting, as to who could vote, and the importance of having an equal number of Teacher and Parent Representatives.
4. Tracy Mays listed the SAC regulations and number of Teacher and Parent Representatives, which need to be equal, based upon enrollment. A total of 4 Parent and 4 Teacher Representatives was referenced given the school size.
5. A mention was also made that the committee size is a suggestion and not mandatory.
6. It was then determined that the Parent Representatives should be voted on first in the meeting to ensure eligible members are able to vote on any new business.
7. The election for the committee, to include the Chairperson and Parent and Teacher Representatives was then tabled as more information needs to be determined regarding having additional Parent Representatives, review of the nomination lists, and a formal election announcement to the public.

e. Proposed Future SAC Meetings

December 10, 2024
February 5, 2025
April 9, 2025
April 30 or May 15, 2025

f. New Business

1. **SAC Next Steps-** Marc Lewis informed all in attendance that he would consult administration for further review of the nomination form and propose a future meeting date where the final election can take place and official SAC business

can resume. This date was determined for 10 December.

g. Closing- Everyone was encouraged to follow over to the IAC meeting and stay tuned for updates.

h. Adjourned - 3:25 PM

Notes written by Maria Paige were used to prepare these minutes.

Respectfully submitted by: Maria Paige

Approved: