School Site Council May 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 pm

2. Roll Call

Site Council Members present: Principal Michelle Hansen, Lisa-Marie Mederos, Daniel Conway, Amanda Blackwood, Sarah Z'berg, Carrie Relles, Yuliya Vathis, Desiree Pierson

Site Council Members absent: Jeanine Rupert Members of the public present: Heather Popish

3. Addition/Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

4. Reading/approval of minutes

The February 12 minutes were presented. Sarah Z'berg moved to approve the minutes, Carrie Relles seconded the motion; the motion carried with unanimous approval.

5. Reports of Officers/committees

None

6. Public Comment

None

7. Unfinished business

None

8. New Business

Prior to the discussion of new business, the Council discussed SCUSD recommended guidance for SSC zoom meetings, including security and transparency measures. Principal Hansen made the Zoom meeting information publicly available through a variety of platforms.

a. SPSA 2021/Proposed Draft

i. Goals

1. ELA

A discussion took place on Smarter Balanced Assessment trend data for three years including reading/ writing /listening and research/inquiry. Data shows that improvements in student listening in the classroom could be made.

A discussion took place as to whether our specific goals of testing improvement should be amended based on the cancellation of state testing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Amanda Blackwood inquired about what occurs if our goals are not met; Principal Hansen advised that the goals are not yet not achievable but a discussion could take place during the next school year about SPSA amendments if necessary.

The Council discussed strategies to meet this goal, including staff meetings for robust professional learning; small group instruction; purchasing classroom libraries; and offering tutoring for intervention

2. Math

Information was presented showing that available data is consistent with teachers' contention that students could benefit from additional focus on word problems.

A discussion took place on the goal of increasing problem solving scores and the ability to readdress this goal if necessary, for example, if CAASPP is not happening in 2020 due to COVID.

Strategies were discussed, including continued utilization of Eureka Math, using Exit Tickets more frequently that focus on problem solving, and employing small group instruction to remediate as necessary.

3. Culture/Climate

A discussion took place about this new goal. 3rd-6th graders took part in a survey that showed overall, strong positive student responses, the highest among other schools.

Empathy interviews and survey showed relationship skills is an area of focus – "I know how to disagree with others without starting an argument" was not a high percentage of "almost all the time" responses.

The results showed that peer to peer interaction is important.

The goal is to increase a welcome and inclusive environment for all students – measured by strongly positive climate survey responses to relationship skills question raised by 20 percent.

Strategies to achieve this goal include offering opportunities to engage in peer to peer interactions; peer review of student work; positive behavior intervention and supports.

Principal Hansen indicated a site leadership team will be created (including 1 teacher from each grade level) and will meet once a month.

Amanda Blackwood moved to approve the SPSA, Sarah Z'berg seconded the motion; the motion carried with unanimous approval.

b. Election of new members

A discussion about prior elections and filling SSC positions took place, including information that a vote in the spring at Open House was previously discussed.

Sarah Z'berg moved to make the community aware of vacancies and to hold elections at Back to School Night, Amanda Blackwood seconded the motion; the motion carried with unanimous approval.

An updated website to highlight the SPSA, SSC work, information, and bylaws was discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm