

SSC Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
3:00pm – 4:10pm

Members Present: Sylvie Bullard, Michael Farley, Kristi Flavio, MaryBeth Wettig, Laura Lewis, Phyllis Acon, Michelle Park, Ed Pan, Matt Hoffman and Barbara Jones

Members Not Present: Brandon Graff

Others Present: Alison Stracke, Jim McConihe

Others Not Present: Hila Rabani

3:05 – Meeting called to order: Michael – Welcomed everyone. Roll call of those attending the meeting.

3:06 – Minutes: Michael – Confirmed that everyone had a chance to review the minutes from our last Site Council Meeting on 2/25/21. Michael asked for someone to make a motion to approve the minutes. Ed Pan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/25/21 meeting and MaryBeth Wettig seconded the motion. Members voted – motion carried – Minutes approved. Barbara will post the minutes on the school website.

3:07 – Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA): Sylvie

SPSA Discussion: Sylvie let everyone know that the District Office will do a big overhaul on the SPSA plan district wide. Therefore, the District Office will need stakeholder approval within the next two months. The District Office will solicit ideas for goals – gather more details and make suggested changes for next school year.

Sylvie proposed that we approve our SPSA plan as they stand from the discussion last month. Phyllis Acon made a motion to approve the SPSA plan as currently written. Michelle Park seconded the motion. Members voted – motion carried.

3:11 – School Enrollment: Sylvie shared that our school enrollment is holding steady. We did have a few students leave this year. We have also received a few new students as well. Sycamore tends to receive students that have been redirected (diverted) from other schools. Once the families are with Sycamore, they tend to stay through 5th grade. Our current enrollment is 596 students. Our projection for the 21/22 school year is very close to this number.

District Office is indicating that our schools hope to begin the 21/22 school year in person – 5 days a week. More details will be shared in the weeks to come regarding class sizes and guidelines. There will be an option for families that wish to continue in the Remote Learning model. The Remote Learning model may be housed at a particular school and may not be

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offered at all schools. We do not have confirmation on this yet. Sylvie has another principal's meeting on Friday 3/12/21 to receive more information.

- Details to consider:
 - Staggered lunch times
 - Spacing and following arrows around campus
 - Staggered recess
 - Wear masks
 - Number of students allowed in each classroom. – change from 6' apart to perhaps 3' or 4' apart.

Matt Hoffman asked if we decrease the spacing by $\frac{1}{2}$ will we double the number of students allowed in the classroom.

Sylvie shared that mathematically it would seem so – but in reality, No – the classroom configuration may not allow us to go from 14 desks to 28 desks in a classroom.

Michael asked if there will be any movement of teachers changing grade level.

Sylvie shared that we have not started the process of teacher preference or intent to return. This will happen in the next few weeks. We will also find out from the District Office if there are teachers from other schools that may be placed at our school site.

Phyllis Acon asked about the declaration process for the next school year. If the numbers didn't work out, would the students be diverted to another school or would portable classrooms be brought to Sycamore. Declarations are stressful for parents to consider: In-Person / Remote / Diversion, etc.

Sylvie shared that we have been asked to gather school site information for the District Office. How many classrooms are in use? How many extra classrooms do we have available? How many incoming Kinders do we anticipate, etc.?

Ed Pan asked if each school will be able to make schedule decisions or if this will be a district-wide decision.

Sylvie shared that all of the elementary schools will follow the same guidelines set forth by the district. Each school may have slight differences depending on the school site specifications.

Phyllis Acon asked if funding is needed for portable classrooms, who will pay for this?

Sylvie said that funding for school site needs will be paid for by the district. Plus we are hopeful that our Shark Fund will be able to bring back a few more programs next school year.

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3:35 – Site Council Leadership and Elections: Michael

Members of Site Council hold their position for a 2-year term. Mrs. Wettig and Mrs. Lewis are ending their 2nd year. The chairperson position is generally for 1 year.

Positions needed for the 21/22 school year:

- 2 teachers
- 1 alternate parent
- 1 chairman

Should we identify these people this spring or wait until our first meeting for the 21/22 school year? Michael indicated that he would step down from chairman to allow another member to hold that position.

Sylvie indicated that the 2 teacher positions would be filled by teachers who sign up for this position.

Michael asked if anyone on the membership is interested in the chairperson spot.

Sylvie believes that Michael is doing a great job this year as the chairperson. Sylvie likes consistency and would like to see Michael continue as the chairperson for another year.

Michael said that he is fine with continuing as the chairperson but would like to give this opportunity to someone else if they are interested. He is happy to share what the position entails if someone is curious.

Matt Hoffman suggested editing the bylaws to add a Vice Chairperson position. This person would then take over as Chairperson the following year.

Matt Hoffman made a motion for Michael Farley to be the chairperson for a second year. The motion was seconded by Michelle Park. Members voted – motion carried. Michael Farley will be the chairperson for Site Council for the 21/22 school year.

3:47 – Other Questions and/or Comments:

Sylvie shared the results of the wellness survey for our students. Sylvie shared her screen to show the pie chart for grades 3-5.

- Dark Green – no concerns
- Light Green – low concerns
- Yellow - medium concerns
- Red - high concerns (none)

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For those students that showed results of medium concern, the students were contacted within 48 hours by Sylvie or our school psychologist, Kelly Delgado. Sylvie and Kelly reviewed the responses and reached out to the teachers first to gather information. Teachers pulled students into a breakout meeting to check in with them.

Laura Lewis indicated that she only had a couple of students that fell in the medium concern level. A follow up conversation brought to light that the question was answered “literally”. Do you feel that you have a teacher that you can connect with at school? They said No... but this was answered No due to the fact that they are not “at school” they are remote learners at home. Mrs. Lewis does not have any red flags. She has reassured her students that we are all here for each other.

Sylvie indicated that the students that answered the questions as not feeling connected is due to the fact that they are new to our school and have not been able to connect in person with classmates and teachers. The survey was conducted while we were all still in the remote learning model. Despite the remote learning, the students are pretty resilient.

2nd grade had very similar responses.

TK – 1st grade: many families opted out of the survey. Sylvie was not able to adjust the pie results by removing the opted-out families. Thus, the results are not a true reflection. The opted-out families showed up as high concern – Red level. 8.8% of the TK – 1 grade families opted out.

Michael Farley asked if anyone had any questions about the survey.

No further questions or comments. Michael asked to have someone make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jim McConihe motioned to adjourn the meeting

Ed Pan 2nd the motion

All in favor voted yes – motion carried.

4:00 – Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined
