

SGT Minutes

Sept. 18, 2023

Present: William Pearson, Jennean Danielson, Brenda Wilson, Nicole Asaro, Todd Resley, Stacey Armstrong, Yuko Kanazawa, Lisa Dowling, Courtney Kern

Item 1

Call to order at 3:10 p.m.

Item 2 – Public Comments

- YK asked if we had quorum. 50% is needed and we have over 50% in attendance today.

Item 3 – SGT Business

- We currently still need 2 (1 minimum) SDEA nominations and 1-2 (1 minimum) parent nominations to fill the team. Calls for nominations went out through multiple Principal messages at the end of last year and our return in August. He solicited parents at all 3 Parent Orientations at the feeder school and the virtual one in August. It was mentioned at the PTSA meeting and UC Cluster. He is looking for parents to nominate so a vote can be sent if required. He has also announced to staff and looking for willing candidates. Mr. Pearson added an invitation to students to nominate to be on the SGT or SSC in the Principal's Chat Friday. Students need to email him a name and the committee they wish to represent. Some have asked questions but no emails have been submitted. As soon as we have some candidates he will create a ballot and advertise for the vote. He hopes it is completed prior to the next meeting.
- May minutes were reviewed and approved.
- The team reviewed the district presentation for differences between, and roles of, SSC and SGT.
- The most recent version of the By Laws were presented with specific attention to the participant section that had the most recent changes. If we can't get enough people to join we may have approve an exception to by laws or change the by laws to be more flexible.

Item 4 Principal's Update

- School enrollment is currently at 836 and we were projected to be 807. Each grade level is about 10 students more than expected. We started the year at 865 enrolled and made the master schedule to accommodate that number. Every year, we have families that never show up, or contact us, or return our calls, and we drop them in the 3rd week. We are not sure if we will get additional allocations this year based on the extra but should know by next week. This could potentially cause some schedule changes as we balance classes with the additional support.
- The VAPA funds that were announced last year were placed in budgets and staffing decisions made but schools were told in August that the money was not available yet and to hold off. Standley has moved forward with the extra Beginning Band class this year expecting the funds to be available at some point. We have also purchased materials and supplies for the music program expecting those funds later.
- A parent asked about lunch supervision after viewing a fight posted online in the girl's bathroom during lunch. The principal explained the events and how staff responded to the reported fight. Supervision at lunch has an adult posted in 5 locations marking boundaries of the lunch area plus supervision on the basketball court and 2-4 additional staff roving in hotspot locations. When a large group goes in the bathrooms it is called on the radio and a staff of that gender go

in to check on activity and send kids back out. We can't have staff supervise in the bathrooms or add cameras to the bathrooms. It was suggested that parents could help supervise in or out of the bathrooms. Mr. Pearson reiterated that adults can't supervise in the bathrooms and shared issues related to parents supervising lunch at middle school historically. Due to differences in parenting styles, beliefs, and tempers, school staff have had to mediate adults too often due to negative interaction between a parent and a student. Parents have also shared they do not want other parents, not part of the staff, supervising their children. We stick with staff supervising who are all held to the same school standards and behavior.

Item 5 SGT Discussion/Action

- Awards categories postponed to next meeting
- The SGT was asked to think about agenda topics relevant to the SGT for this year.

Item 6 Public Comment

- none

Adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting October 16, 2023

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