

School Site Council – 2/15/2024

Attended: Tedd Wakeman (TW), Chad Peters (CP), DeeDee Cooper (DC), Dayna, Amy Stark (AS), Vicky Farrell (VF)

Absent: Heather Pitz, Sara Epstein, Peri Monte

NOTES

TW: Sent a sheet to everyone

AS: what grants are we looking for? STEM? PTA? groups of teachers?

Discussion of PLTW grant and the required trainings

CP: provided an update on other grants (including one from NASA and one focused on butterflies/bees)

CP: the grant requires acreage and a partner

DC: interested in the pollinator related practices

AS: will ask her husband regarding available open space in the Conejo Valley area

CP: Through certain recent disclosures, it has come to light that the SMMUSD district owns 33 acres of land in Malibu and some land near Malibu High School

Dayna: suggested asking the City of Malibu for more information

CP: District also owns several hotels in Santa Monica

TW: discussed SMMUSD requirement going forward that PE coaches be credentialed and potential changes stemming from this

TW: Discussion about intramural sports and how Malibu schools lose certain students due to the lack of the athletic pathway

TW: possibly even bringing intramural sports at an elementary level

Dayna: feels a more robust presence would help with the Malibu separation, with the athletic students

Discussion regarding separation of what Malibu schools would be offering

Discussion of the election/term requirements for parents on the SSC TW: in the next couple of months

TW: the window for CASP testing is Apr 8 - Jun 7, but right in the middle (Apr 15th-May 26th) is the STAR diagnostic testing

AS: the winter Star test is used to decide summer school

TW: speaking to various people about it (at other schools and the district)

AS: mentioned it has been this way before - with the multiple testing back to back AS:

TW: asks himself :

1) is it good for kids?

2) is it good for some kids at the expense of others?

3) is it sustainable?

TW: the state required CASP is used for funding decisions

AS: the end of the year STAR scores are not used for report cards or summer school

VF: asked about security update

DC: met with Wade, and he was going to see Isaac on Nov 1st

CP: will talk to Wade

CP: has emailed the district (moreso about the bus being late), but will also ask about security

Discussion about the security report prepared by the private company that did a security assessment

CP: only a few pages of the report have been released to the parents

CP: the City is the one who contracted to have it done

Dayna and DC: need for transparency

DC: advised parents go to board meetings and further voice their security concerns

TW: Callie, Juane and Kristina all went to the board meeting

TW: made a video based on the last expo and presented it to the board to make a case for project based learning

TW: summer school is now changed to project based learning (perhaps inspired by Webster efforts)

Discussion of past “Thursday soup days” tradition at Webster