

MALIBU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2019

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Anne Russell Shurgot, brought the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

- Meeting Attendees:
 - **Chris Hertz**, Site Council Rep/MES Principal (chertz@smmurd.org)
 - **Diane Sullivan**, Site Council Rep/MES Administration (dsullivan@smmusd.org)
 - **Anne Russell Shurgot**, Site Council Chairperson/Parent (anneonvacation@yahoo.com)
 - **Ken Harris**, Site Council Rep/MES Teacher (kharris@smmusd.org)
 - **Heather Alfano**, Site Council Rep/Parent (heatheralfano@gmail.com)
 - **Roui Israel**, Site Council Rep/Parent (roui4444@yahoo.com)
 - **Melissa Bermeo Mastripolito**, Site Council Rep/Parent (melissabermeo@mac.com)
 - **Tara Buran**, Site Council Rep/Parent

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Mastripolito made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2019 Malibu Elementary School Site Council meeting. Heather Alfano seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved and adopted into the record.

IV. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVMENT)

Principal Hertz went to a training recently that was relevant and helpful regarding learning targets. There is a director of assessments – Sam Cosi who creates data charts in a very detailed manner for the SMMUSD. This data is being uploaded into Illuminate.

Attendance at MES: We are averaging 93% on student attendance which is not a good percentage. This does not even include students on independent studies. We want to be around 96-97% attendance. This is a subversive issue. If kids think school is optional, it sets them up for a lifetime of disappointment. We want to raise kids that can honor commitments and honor time. The responsive classroom meeting time is the first 15 minutes of school, it is really grounding and it is important for the kids to be here during that time. Perfect attendance award would be a really good idea to encourage students to be at school every day.

One of the best things about this school is the children's behavior. We see almost no behavioral issues with any of the kids. This is precious and has to be nurtured. There was not one single behavior that required a suspension.

Olweus Bully program is going to kick off in January. There has been some bullying including exclusion, name calling. In each case there was a student up-stander that reported these issues. Only one parent has called about their child being bullied.

Professional Development – we had our first professional development program yesterday December 4, 2019. The teachers thought the program was outstanding! The program was on thinking maps. It was \$12,000 for the materials and the trainers and 5 days of training. Some teachers including Ken Harris are going to an advanced training. There was also a training on Monday on ELG and cognitively guided education.

Edison and Grant want to go in with us for next year's training.

Common Sense Media Seminar – Tina and Nancy Levy are involved in this. There is new tab to our website on common sense media. There is a parent training on December 10th. Principal Hertz's favorite lesson is how to make a safe password.

Homework Club – The teachers will be Cindy Weinstock and Nancy Levy. There will be aides too including Robin Levy and Juley Osmus. We have \$10,000 to put towards Homework Club. Teachers want to run it from January 2020-April 2020. A really good afterschool club would cost at least \$20,000 – it needs its own principal to manage it and deal with payroll, discipline, attendance, etc. It would need to be a school within a school. It has been suggested that homework club be available to children who need it for academic purposes as well as students who have family issues at home and need extra support. The issue is making sure Homework Club does not become afterschool daycare. There needs to be clear criteria to make sure the kids that need the help, get the help they need.

V. ELAC

Our ELAC sent out a needs assessment to 31 families and 9 responses came back. These parents indicated in their responses that they would like to see Homework Club come back. They also want to know how their child's educational abilities compare to other children. The principal needs to figure out a tool to present this to the parents. They also want help with their children's writing. Principal Hertz recommends that we adopt these goals and that they become goals for the school this year. These goals include:

1. Have homework club available to ELAC students
2. Provide ELAC parents with information concerning how their child is doing at school compared to EO children
3. Provide ELAC parents with guidance on how to help their child with writing.

Immigrant parents are much less likely to ask a teacher for more information about their children. Non-immigrant parents are much more assertive. Perhaps immigrant parents might need an invitation to come in and speak with teachers to discuss their child.

Lila Duarte, principal at Webster, personally called all ELAC parents to invite them to the ELAC meeting and she had a better showing than we did at Malibu Elementary School.

Melissa mentioned that she is interested in knowing how learning English affects the way an EL student is learning other subjects at school.

Principal Hertz suggests that MES provide the following for EL parents based on their response to the survey results:

- 1) EL parents will be provided additional information about how their child is doing compared to non-EL students at least once a year
- 2) A parent outreach program to help EL parents with their children's writing which will be available at least once a year and
- 3) Priority for EL students with priority for Homework Club.

Ken Harris made a motion to adopt the 3 suggestions above; Tara Buran seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Principal Hertz is suggesting that Site Council does a learning walk.

VI. SPSA for 2020-2021

Last year, during 2018/2019 school year, a lot of work went into our SPSA. There were many meetings and a Mission/Vision of school was drafted. These documents are missing. Isaac had this information and he said he left it for Pat Cairns. Somehow the information got lost by the time Principal Hertz got to MES. Joelyn might have the notes from the meeting. Principal Hertz believes that the Marine Science portion of our school should be honored in our vision. Without Marine Science in the vision, the report becomes cookie cutter. The leadership team meets next week. Ultimately MES Site Council will have the final say.

VII. SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

The draft Safe School Plan Chris sent to the members of the Site Council is a confidential copy – it has a lot of very sensitive information in it. The plan can be redacted for when we share it with officials in the community. Legally this plan has to sit on our website - but it needs to be redacted so that it does not include confidential information. Legally, we are required to have a meeting about the safety plan and include the Mayor, Law Enforcement and Religious Leader. It might be wise to create an abstract of the plan because it is so lengthy.

We have to be prepared for no one to come and help us at this school for many days.

Principal Hertz asked us to review the plan and make sure it makes sense, especially a location where we would take the kids in the event we need to relocate (i.e. during a tsunami).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm. Next meeting is on January 9th.