

Franklin School Site Council
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/17/2022

Meeting Location: On Zoom: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/87239503208>

Parent representatives: Lisa Demsky, Cliff Segil, Mimi Sroka, Wai Mei Lee, Elisabeth Ward

Absent: Srini Peddi, Robyn Meyers

Staff and administrative representatives: Vanessa Diaz, Kim O'Hara, Lynne Hampton, Sheri Hynding, Eran Zeevi

Absent: Ashley-Hatchett, Beth Helphand

I. Discussion Items

A. Update on status of teacher/staff membership. The Site Council needs to consist of 7 staff/admin representatives and 7 parent representatives.

B. New officers – elections/appointments

Elections were held and the parent representatives were asked to self nominate for the open positions. The officers for the 2022-2023 school year are:

i. Chair - Wai Mei Lee

ii. Vice Chair - Mimi Sroka

iii. Secretary (Deputy Secretary) - Elisabeth Ward. No deputy at this time.

Instead any parent on the SSC will step in should it be required.

iv. Parliamentarian (Deputy Parliamentarian) Lisa Demsky. No deputy at this time.

C. Approval of minutes from 9/19. The minutes were approved.

II. Site-Based Communications

A. Principal's Report. Mr Zeevi gave a Principal's update. There are a lot of fun upcoming events at the school for the fall: Library Café, Halloween Parade 10/28, Pupil Free day Tuesday 11/1. Starting this month, parents will be welcome at Assemblies again. In the spring (2/27-3/1 2023) there will be a 5th Grade Field Trip to Catalina. We currently have 106 students in 5th grade. Mr Zeevi has signed off on 95 spaces so far, anticipating that a few students will stay back, or if not, that it will be easier to add spaces than to deduct should there be a need to do so. There will be one 5th grade teacher staying behind at Franklin with students who can't join the trip. Finally, Mr Zeevi thanked the PTA for providing funding for families that are not able to fund the trip, making sure that all kids have access to the upcoming field trip.

i. EL reclassification Mrs Hynding gave an ELAC update. This year's first ELAC meeting will be held on 10/21. All students who report speaking a second language at home are required to take a test to decide proficiency in English. There are reclassification ceremonies and celebrations for kids who are reclassified as proficient English speakers. Elisabeth Ward made

the point that bilingual families with already proficient English speakers at home have been encouraged by staff to not report their second language, in order to not have to go through this process. Mrs Hynding said that it is important to catch all bilingual students and that she has been and continues to work with all staff on the importance getting this data right.

ii. Safety on Campus/Lockdown drill Mr Zeevi gave an update on security.

There is a new lock system on the back gate. A new screen on the K yard with Franklin values printed on it is in the works, a survey regarding fencing the entire Montana area is being prepared. Mr Zeevi is hoping to get a new fence at the front of Montana installed within the year. There will be a Parent Ed on safety drills. The school is aiming to make both kids and parents informed, not afraid. Mrs Hynding also stressed that another aspect of safety is keeping the kids safe from bullying through the Olweus program. A meeting regarding the new Olweus data is coming up soon and will be attended by staff and one PTA representative. At our next meeting, which will be a hybrid meeting, Mrs Hynding will present our safety plan. Finally, a cleanup of the basement is in the works. Mr Zeevi is aiming to clean up the basement so that it can be used as a resource center for all grade levels.

iii. Culture and Diversity on Campus Mr Zeevi talked about how he wishes to create more experiences on diversity for the kids. A celebration of Dias de los Muertos will be continued this upcoming school year.

B. PTA Report Mimi Sroka gave an update from the PTA. It somewhat overlapped with the Principal's report. These were the new items she added: Pledge week for the Ed Foundation is underway, Move-A-Thon is coming up soon and this year the 5th grade income will go directly towards Culmination expenses. Bike It, Walk it week is this week, next PTA meeting is 10/27, Wednesdays are spirit days, please wear your Franklin t-shirt.

III. Public Comment Wai Mei Lee asked about progress regarding Personalized Learning and the Math Olympiad or Mock Trial. Mr Zeevi said that he has been meeting with all staff during the past month and is working on understanding the culture and what is needed at the school. The next steps will be to study classrooms, do lesson studies and professional development. He encouraged Wai Mei Lee to put in writing what the said clubs would be about and how much staff engagement would be needed in order to create an easier uptake for this initiative amongst the teachers. Mrs Hampton explained that 5th grade already have a Mock Trial scheduled for the fall and that Ms Silhavy had sponsored a Math Olympiad in years past and might be open to it again.

IV. Action Items No action items at this time.

V. New Business The meeting dates for the school year are the following: 11/14, 1/23, 2/27, 3/20, 5/8, 5/22. An extra meeting on 4/12 is also being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.