

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SITE GOVERNANCE) MEETING NOTES

April 18th, 2023

3:15 PM

Present: Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Rosio Medina, Dr. LaShawn Moore, Kristina Milne, Melissa Russell, Nicole Cogan, Melissa Goodman, Parisa Sobhani, Leslie Ann Loughlin
Public: Daniela Weiner

Absent: Inesha Phillips

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 via Zoom meeting.

Welcome and Agenda

Dr. Benjamin shared and reviewed the agenda.

Documents provided to members prior to meeting: Agenda, Prior Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was shared by Dr. Benjamin. Kristina Milne moved that agenda be accepted.
Dr. Ashley Benjamin seconded the motion. Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were shared by Dr. Benjamin. Melissa Goodman moved that the minutes be accepted.
Dr. LaShawn Moore seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Budget Summary

Dr. Benjamin presented an updated budget summary, and proposed that if the district funds TK-2 music through Prop 28, then the school fund theater. In order to fund theater a combination of Stretch Grant and Formula funds would be needed, so she will ask the PTA if they can fund some of the Campus Monitor expense.

Dr. Benjamin shared that Ed Services may be providing 50% less of SLT funds, \$10,000 down from \$20,000. In that case subs for data meetings would be eliminated, and subs for F and P would go down from 3X a year to 2X a year.

Melissa Goodman moved to approve that in the event that the District pays for TK-2nd Music via Prop 28 funds, that the school fund theater in place of the TK-2 music. Parisa Sobhani seconded the motion. All in favor (10)

McKinley Elementary New Building

Dr. Benjamin presented about the contractor being hired, building logistics, and shared images of the upcoming building. Construction to begin this summer, with completion anticipated in 2 years. The new staff parking lot being relocated and ready for the start of school in August is the top priority. This construction project is a lease-leaseback versus a lower bid, so the contractor was interviewed and hired. Contractor is experienced with construction with K-12 schools in session and is professional. The drop-off during construction will be on Arizona Ave, and the signs have been updated by the city, additional signs purchased, and cones purchased. A video will be provided in the fall showing drop-off procedures. Images showed the secure and welcoming front office, outside gathering area, courtyards, 8 classrooms with connected outdoor learning spaces, library renovation, and other details. The presentation will be given to teachers at the upcoming faculty meeting, and to parents at the upcoming PTA Meeting.

Melissa G. asked about the coded gate for after school. Dr. Benjamin said that that gate will remain and will be part of the new parking lot fence in approximately the same location, and another gate with a buzzer will be added to access the path to the office.

Nicole asked about where the special education bus will park. Dr. Benjamin said at this time it is expected that the same location will be used, and there will be access to the front office.

3rd-5th Olweus Survey

Dr. Benjamin presented the 3rd-5th Olweus survey data. 3rd-5th graders took the anonymous survey during classtime in march to share about experiences with bullying. Visual graphs of student responses were shared. McKinley responses compared to the national comparison were noted. Strategies to reduce bullying and build positive behavior that are currently in place were shared, as well as additional strategies for the upcoming school year.

Nicole asked if campus monitors are trained in how to intervene in bullying behaviors. Dr. Benjamin said that IAs and Campus Monitors participate in monthly trainings about social-skills from the district SEL TOSA, and the paraeducators also have monthly trainings with the district's behaviorist.

Public Comment

None

Dr. Benjamin noted that one member, Leslie, is graduating to Lincoln next year. She was thanked for her service. The one vacancy will be announced in the fall to fill.

Meeting Adjourned:

Melissa G. moved to adjourn the meeting. Nicole seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm

Notes submitted by Rosio Medina, SSC Secretary