

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

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SITE GOVERNANCE) MEETING NOTES

October 17th, 2023

3:15 PM

Present: Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Rosio Medina, Dr. LaShawn Moore, Melissa Russell, Melissa Goodman, Parisa Sobhani

Absent: Nicole Cogan, Jaime Botello, Inesha Phillips, Kristina Milne (Maternity Leave)

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:17 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. Dr. LaShawn Moore moved that agenda be approved. Parisa Sobhani seconded the motion. Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

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

General Comments

- Great CA Shakeout on Thursday, October 19th.
- CDE conducted a Federal Progress Monitoring review (audit) of SMMUSD in several areas such as compensatory education, physical education, English Learner programs, and Title I- the selected schools to represent the district were McKinley and JAMS. Dr. Benjamin shared that overall, McKinley did great. Interviews, observations, and document review occurred. The CDE spoke with members of ELAC and SSC and shared that parents and staff on these committees felt like they had a voice in what was happening at McKinley, and parents felt informed of programs and supports available to their child and felt they could ask questions if needed. CDE did classroom observations and noted how joyful students were and the positive classroom communities. Some findings were in the areas of PE and designated ELD. The district will make districtwide adjustments to address the findings.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: November 6th-November 9th

- No update on the start date of Construction yet. The contractor's cost is higher than expected, so aspects of the project may be cut to reduce costs. The district will also rebid the project in the spring to see if there may be lower bids. Also there was drycleaner fluid found in the soil underneath the parking lot blacktop where the construction would occur, so there is a process for approval of the encapsulation process that takes some time. Currently the drycleaner fluid is in the underground soil and not a hazard to students/staff/parents. Possible start date will be after spring break.

Dr. LaShawn Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Parisa Sobhani seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Public Comment

None

Upcoming Meeting: December 5th

Meeting Adjourned: 3:28 PM

Notes submitted by Rosio Medina, SSC Secretary