

SMASH Site Council Minutes  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:30-4:45 PM  
Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 815 8283 4539  
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In attendance:

Principal Jessica Rishe  
Office Manager Ania Kubicz-Preis  
Parent Reps Therese Kelly, Gene Klein  
Teachers Anne Serapiglia, Christian Carter, Jayme Wold Florian  
Student Reps Darcy O'Connell

Absent:

Student reps Julia Luban and Leo Mooney  
Teachers Jen Gardner  
Parent rep Julia Socolovsky

Motioned by Therese Kelly Seconded by Darcy O'Connell Adopted Agenda

Motioned by Gene Klein Seconded by Therese Kelly  
Approved minutes of last meeting

Community participation: people came to listen, nobody asked to speak

Reports and Announcements (regular agenda items)

Student report: There are few students on campus after winter break, 11 to start, and 9 the second day in 7th grade. 7th grade Math is learning slope and graphing. Unit test in two weeks. Humanities project is working with TikTok for debate moderation. Who should be moderating content? Human or algorithm? Engineering- build rubber band toys. Lots of experimenting to see what will happen, rather than being told by the teacher. Different challenges are being presented. Students preparing for interviews related to their passion projects. The Core is beginning to read the novel, Red Scarf Girl.

Principal's Report: Campus security updates will be given by Carey Upton regarding physical security (vandalism, theft, property damage) and safety and cleanliness of classrooms (rain leaks).

As per BP 1313 (adopted 11/18/21), the Board of Education and SMMUSD shall place this information at the top of their meeting agendas.

**STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.	Keep an open mind and, if merited, allow yourself to be persuaded to change your opinion.
Listen to others respectfully.	Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the best decisions.
Agree to disagree, and don't make it personal; discuss the issue, not the person.	Accept responsibility and maintain self-control.

Community Organization Reports (to include but not limited to the following):

PTSA- Upcoming restaurant fundraisers and Santa Monica Ed

Foundation fundraising so that they can set the budget for next year.

Student Council- Hosted PJ day right before winter break. Reps will Zoom in with each other, and hopefully get to meet outside when it's safe.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Reviewed October 2021 ELA and Math Interim Assessment Results

3rd-8th grade ELA & Math interim

\*40 students are below grade level

-28 were low income, BIPOC, ELL, students with a disability

-12 identify as white or Asian students

-Identified area of need is math operations

\*Students do better over time from 3-8th grades in math

\*What do we need to focus on?

-ELA tests were read literacy text

\*7 3rd graders below standard

-Students will receive language and literacy interventions, SAI, small group instruction and support

\*Was there significant learning loss?

We're not currently seeing data to support that at SMASH. The recent test results look similar to previous years.

Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton provided a security update.

Overview- From Carey-Appreciate how challenging how everything is, while we're seeing issues at many campuses, Muir/SMASH is getting their "major share" right now. Construction has been and continues to be challenging. Delays present by COVID, supply chain issues, water intrusion and damage, including mold mitigation. Summer plans to tear down walls and do some outdoor flashing. There was a lawsuit that the campus was not built right initially and they have seen effects of this from then.

- Questions-

- Leaks- Is there any plan to have a whole new roof system? Why wasn't the roof included in the current campus construction?

- Three years ago roof improvements were made
- Deck improvements are seen to be failing
- Places where decks are meeting walls and in the flashing is where the water intrusion is happening
  - Problems with drains and gutters, easy fix
  - Other places they need to "go in and discover that"
- New leaks are presenting themselves, especially with the recent rain and storms
- This will be an add on with the existing project and also launch a new project

- Has the construction project had anything to do with the break in and ability to get in easier?
- They don't think so
- Windows were broken, rather than the new doors

Undercutting the new work that was done. Is the summer plan to remediate the leaking a comprehensive plan?

- Water intrusion is tricky because you think you've solved the problem, yet you haven't
  - Would like a comprehensive plan with funding in place if that is what it needs
  - Need new engineers to figure out since the current team has not been able to figure this out
  - May be "destructive investigation" in the spring
- Campus never built right. With all this piecemealing, when can we have a comprehensive, thorough plan? Besides mold, it leads to infestations and other problems. What is the plan for a comprehensive and thorough fix? Prevention strategies?

- Hopefully this summer. That is the goal, but it depends on what they find and discover with the expert that will be involved.
    - May include remediation
- Are structures tested throughout the construction process?
  - Yes, yet the District lost both of the lawsuits
  - District does not really have any ability to go after the architects when there are failures.
- Mold remediation and exposures?
  - The district has done mold air quality testing to assess impact (air sampling)
    - Found that while there might be mold present, yet air quality in the room has not exceeded what is found in the outdoor perimeter areas. Not found to have a health impact.
- Related to vandalism, what about the alarm system when gates are crossed, windows broken
- Funding has been secured for an updated intrusion alarm system, yet there has to be lots of research, installation in one campus to test.
  - SMASH/Muir is up next.
  - Process in the public safety law that make this a long process to get a new system
  - What is the immediate reaction to prevent further damage with upcoming storms. When does someone come to monitor mold? How to extract the water so we're not worried about mold and safety of staff and students?
  - Immediate fix is thought to be started soon.
  - Investigation is upcoming with MP5 (environmental consultant)
- How is the impact handled to the level of expectation needed for the safety of students and staff?
  - 500 hours since the campus vandalism
  - COVID has led to being understaffed
  - District is required to hire within district and union before contracting outside
  - Flame retardant is not considering toxic
  - Contact site managers and other district staff when needed
- What oversight is in place over workers and that environments are safe and that things are done to code?
  - Material code has an inspector of record from the state to make sure construction is done

- Safety protocols go to construction manager as a district representative
    - Contractors don't always do what they're supposed to do
    - There are many standards to be monitored. Window testing to check for water intrusion. Contractor should be monitoring their subcontractor.
    - Looking into tarping or other temporary solutions
- What can parents do to ensure that these plans and safety protocols are followed?
  - There is a budget and funding secured
  - Takes time to complete the project
  - The board is behind what we're doing for this project
- Other schools have more success?
  - SMASH is unique in their water intrusion challenges
  - Other campuses have different challenges, many with water challenges
- What about irreplaceable or teacher purchased items, such as collections or prescription glasses?
  - Funding can be figured out by insurance or maintenance and operations, or other accounts with the District
- Traffic issues around drop off and pick up with significant issues with safety that raises danger for children with no crossing guards or cross walks?
  - District is aware
  - Jason Dodd has been working with the city and the various departments of the city to address this issue, yet they can come back to address this.
- Aware of anything we should be doing on campus to deter vandalism or invasions before the alarm system is installed?
  - Make sure doors and windows are secured before leaving campus. Lock everything up behind you
- Blinds are in process, when will they be completely added?
  - They are ordered and have the contract to install them. It is in process.
- Cameras on the exterior of campus?
  - They are a deterrent and help with post investigation.
  - Air filtration system?
  - Almost every space is complete with MERV13 filters with an ionization unit, yet they are not automatically on and functioning completely. Need to be rechecked for programming.

- During the school day, when someone stole a bike from our campus, is your team in charge of security?
  - Safety and security meet with Carey, yet don't completely overlap.
  - Theft is not related to him, but with a risk manager
  - Building safety is with Carey
  - Point of contact and resources for every site
    - Site Safety committee can communicate with the District safety committee, then the PTSA safety committee
- What are the penalties for "vigilante volunteerism" that come on campus to help remediate some of these problems? Flexibility for parents to help.
  - Asked not to do that because there are a lot of laws and safety protocols that have to be followed. Very strict rules.
  - More opportunities for parent help if it's not during school hours
    - Construction crew has to be off campus though

Carey is putting together a maintenance and operations plus capital bond improvement plus architect plus principals meeting to come up with the overall plan, timeline and budget to address the water intrusion as well as security needs for the campus.

Community participation: people were called on to pose their questions throughout Carey's presentation.

Motioned by Therese Kelly Seconded by Gene Klein

Adjourned at 5:20pm

Meeting notes taken by Secretary Jayme Wold Florian

Next meeting dates for 2021-22: 2/2, 3/2, 5/4