

SMASH Site Council Minutes  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:30-4:45 PM

Zoom link:

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**Minutes taken by** Jayme Wold Florian

**In attendance:**

Therese Kelly, Jessica Rishe, Jayme Wold Florian, Max Mooney, Kyo Yamashiro, Graciela Barba-Castro, Gene Klein, Julia Luban, Anne Serapiglia, Ania Kubicz-Preis, Sadie O'Connell, Christian Carter

**Absent:** None

Motioned by Gene Klein      Seconded by Sadie O'Connell      Adopted Agenda

Motioned by Therese Kelly      Seconded by Sadie O'Connell      Approved minutes of last meeting

**Community participation:** Junki Saita & Aurora Siragusa present at the meeting

**Reports and Announcements** (regular agenda items)

**Principal's Report-**

Reviewed questions posed at SMASH Distance Learning "Plus" parent meetings thus far

Core 3 and Core 4 parent meetings have already been held with Cores 1, 2 and Mentors to come soon

Questions-

1. There is a 10-day quarantine required for travel out of state. Does this apply to students only or parents as well?
  - a. Jessica has contacted the nurse for the answer.
2. Will there be time for students to "hang out" without structured activities?
  - a. Likely, there will be time for this.
3. What about more intensive academic instruction on campus?
  - a. No new concepts will be taught to allow all students access, on or off campus.
4. Will music still be virtual?
  - a. Yes. The music teachers will continue to provide instruction online.
5. What spaces will be used by SMASH?
  - a. Tennis and basketball courts, baseball fields, and small-yard will be used by SMASH, allowing John Muir to access the South side of the field.

6. How are subs handled when a teacher is unable to be on campus?
  - a. We only have one preferred sub as of now that is available to come in person. We will either have that one sub, have an unknown sub, handle it internally with our own staff if we are able to, or if necessary, we will meet on Zoom that day.

### **Student Reports-**

For Humanities, Core 4 just had their History test on the Constitution. In math, the 7th graders are working on statistics and probability. For Science, we are doing Chemistry labs. The last one, they worked on moving particles in a solid and changing state of evaporation. Some are working with partners. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry novel study was completed.

Passion projects are still being worked on and planned to be shared after Spring Break.

8th graders have started to talk about graduation and ideas of what to do for celebrations, including tiles. Yearbook pages are due soon. They will start working on their speeches. Sadie and Max shared that they'd like to have their family and friends have access to being able to watch the ceremony, even online, with an AV professional. The taco bar is important to them as well. Many 8th graders would like custom jackets/sweatshirts as well. 8th graders would like to have an in-person celebration if it's safe and possible.

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

**PTSA-** We are having a jog-a-thon this Friday. Fundraising happened online and the t-shirts were distributed today. Thank you Jessica, Ania, and Coach Angel for organizing the pickup! Option to jog through their neighborhood or stay online for a virtual "jog" with Nadja and Graciela. Two locations, Culver City and Venice, of Coldstone Creamery are offering to give a portion of their proceeds to SMASH PTSA instead of having popsicles, which is the typical tradition.

**Student Council-** We held an Open Mic Night that had students from all four Cores. In the future, there is a request for a "video" option. 87 households attended the event. Thanks to Chrysta for being the emcee!

### **New Business:**

Reviewed Site Council candidate recruitment for 1 new parent rep and 2 new middle school student reps, election to be held in May

Announcements will be going out soon. Candidates will submit bios before voting. The term is typically two years.

Reviewed and gave preliminary approval of Site Council expenditures for 2021-22 in order to meet fiscal department budget draft 3/26 deadline

Per student spending of Formula monies determined by the District. There was an increase in per pupil Formula allocations for next school year.

Areas given to us by State and District-

- College and Career Readiness
- Support for ELL
- Safe and maintained campuses

Proposals to keep Thrively, Lexia, Arts Coordinator, and keeping Art/Drama for K-6 (OTIS students could possibly be available to lead projects for those interested students in 7/8 grades), middle school strings instruction, and teacher sub days for assessment & narrative-writing in fall and spring.

New proposals for next year- reduce middle school accompanist hours (for music program).

Approval of DRAFT motioned by Sadie O'Connell and seconded by Therese Kelly  
All members voted in favor of approval.

### **Community participation**

Junki was happy to listen in and see what the process was like.

Motioned by Max Mooney Seconded by Sadie O'Connell Meeting Adjourned at 4:35pm.

**Next meeting dates for 2020-21:** 5/5 ( confirm election results)