

SMASH Site Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 3:15-4:45 PM
Hybrid Format: Obama Center Library or Zoom

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Meeting ID: 846 2743 9205

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In attendance: Sarah Daunis, Anne Serapiglia, Jonathan Bijur, Alisa Bizzul, Jennifer Mack, Jessica Rishe, Ania Kubicz-Preis, Zachary Lichtman, Bodhi Goldstein, and Ezra Mooney

Absent: Christian Carter, Jeff Rubin

Adopted Agenda - Motioned by Zachary Lichtman Seconded by Anne Serapiglia

Approved minutes of last meeting - Motioned by Ezra Mooney Seconded by Alisa Bizzul

Community participation

Reports and Announcements (regular agenda items)

Principal's Report

- Next week, Core Family Forums will take place in the evening on Tues. (for Core 1 and Core 2) and Thurs. (for Core 3 and 4). It will also be an opportunity to meet new staff members. We're on track to move back to the 5th Street Campus next year. TK will be added and we will grow (double) Core 1. Jessica is encouraging everyone to take a school tour to get to know our school better and share this invitation/news with others.

Student Reports

Core 4 shared what's going on in class. In 8th grade math, the students are deciding between Algebra and 8th grade math. In Humanities, they're reading Diary of a Part-time Indian and studying the Americas. In Science, they're building pull-toys and robots and learning coding. Miles to Go will start whenever Jonathan, the teacher, is feeling better. He will share his childhood experiences with drugs and the impact drugs will have on students' lives. He shares tips for how to deal with peer pressure around drugs and how to deal with uncomfortable situations. In 7th grade math,

they're learning geometry. In addition, they're working on mini-projects (as a precursor to Passion Projects). Music will start tomorrow. In 7th grade, they watched the movie Wonder.

In Core 3, the students are working on "Hopes and Dreams," Identity Maps, and Best of Me poetry. They are building community, habits, and rituals. Back to School Music night is next week on Zoom. Drama and Music started.

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

PTSA

Student Council

Other

Old Business

New Business:

Welcomed Site Council student reps Zachary Lichtman, Bodhi Goldstein, and Ezra Mooney and parent reps Jennifer Mack, Jonathan Bijur, and Alisa Bizzul. Jessica encouraged the students to find ways to include all of the students who were also interested in participating in Site Council.

Reviewed and approved the by-laws for the 2024-2025 school year - Motioned by Bodhi Goldstein and seconded by Ezra Mooney

- Ezra Mooney asked clarifying questions about what happens when there is a split vote (we try to come to a consensus) and why we might hold an emergency meeting (Example shared was when Jessica found out we were moving campuses)

Site Council Member Training slide deck reviewed and reflected upon by those present

- Conversation around SPSA - Site Council Members' roles and responsibilities were clearly defined. It is a space where different voices are heard and perspectives considered. There was an overview of what members do during meetings and how the conversations and goals considered during these meetings better support the students', faculty's, and families' understanding of priorities/needs in our community. This might include, for example,

Site Council members looking at data, having conversations about data analysis/trends/results, and offering ideas/solutions about next steps. Members are encouraged to review/revise the plan/approach if expected results are not achieved. In addition, members are encouraged to get feedback from as many voices as possible.

Held Election of Officers (Site Council Chair is Anne Serapiglia and Recording Secretary is Sarah Daunis)

Community participation (if applicable)

Motion to adjourn

Motioned by Jonathan Bijur

Seconded by Bodhi Goldstein

Meeting notes taken by Recording Secretary Sarah Daunis.

Adjourned at 4:15 pm

Next meeting dates for 2024-25: 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, and 5/7