

Will Rogers Learning Community. *An international Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School*

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Will Rogers Learning Community SSGC Meeting

Date: January 16th, 2025

Location: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/my/wrlcprincipal?omn=86478944607>

Time: The meeting began at 3:19pm

Members Present: Evan McGee, Tristen Gartrell, Lila Daruty, Sally Miller, Cynthia Gomez, Gaby Gonzalez, Norma Bozin, Paola Vezzulli, Maureen Reilly

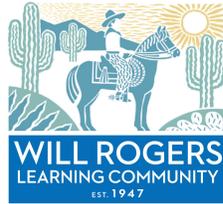
Agenda Item 1: Call To Order/Opening Rituals

Agenda Item 2: Check-In: Farm classes will be canceled until February due to concern with ash from recent fires. Students have been eating indoors (cafeteria) to lessen time outside due to air quality from fires. Teachers expressed that students enjoy eating in the cafeteria. The team acknowledged that recent fires have heavily impacted our community. The team was placed in break-out groups to discuss silver linings amidst the crisis (i.e. students glad to be back at school, etc.).

Agenda Item 3: Review School Safety Plan: Ms. Gonzalez reviewed the comprehensive school safety plan. After review, feedback and questions were taken. Evan asked if the safety plan is posted on-line anywhere (it's on the school website). Ms. Daruty shared that safety drills are required by law and we have to keep track of them. The school safety plan will be left in the front office and after further review, members can sign in agreement.

Agenda Item 4: Review Budget Plan: Ms. Daruty discussed Prop 28 (provides additional funding for arts education). Based on previous surveys, teachers expressed the need for more visual arts instruction. With these funds, visual arts classes would be able to continue for an additional 15 weeks. In the upcoming semester, art will be integrated into IB units of study. \$40,000 of Prop 28 funds would be spent on the art teacher's salary and \$5,000 would be spent on art materials. A motion was proposed and the team agreed to allocate our Prop 28 funds for this additional art instruction.

Ms. Daruty explained the school-wide comprehensive social-emotional learning plan. There is a need for a certified wellness coach to implement direct counseling for students, and oversee all SEL programs on-site (the wellness room, parent support groups, peacemaker program, etc.). The coach could also host mindfulness and yoga workshops and facilitate classroom community



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circles. With the use of Title 1 funds (\$28,000), the wellness coach would be able to start these services this school year. Grant funding and potential district funding could be used to finance this position in the next school year. A question was raised regarding the need to use some Title 1 funds next year as well (this may be a possibility). Other questions were raised regarding the current use of Title 1 funds for instructional assistants and teacher substitute days for testing; funds are still in place to cover these needs. A motion was proposed and the team agreed to use Title 1 funds to hire a certified wellness coach. Motion passed.

For The Good Of the Order

Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm.

Next Regular Meeting: February 20th 2025 via Zoom

Minutes drafted: by Maureen Reilly

Minutes Approved on: