

**Green Valley Elementary School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
(Remote Conference)**

ATTENDANCE

Parents: Elizabeth Weiss, Sonya Jibodh
Teachers/Staff: Michelle Bering, Mariah Brown, Debbie Bell-Tozzi
Principal: Donna Grim
Also Present: Aliza Grosh (Learning Fund), Brenda Dvorak (Library)
Absent: Adam Glimme, Jason Larson, Elizabeth Leftik, Julie Ouye

I. Welcome; Attendance; Approval of Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 3:37pm.
- Motion to approve minutes from November 9, 2021 & December 14, 2021 meeting. All in favor, none oppose, motion carries.

II. FastBridge / Common Learning Cycle Assessment Update

- Donna gave a general overview of the scores in each grade.
- 1st – 3rd Grades: Most students improved, very good numbers showing positive growth in both ELA and Math.
- 4th – 5th Grades: Many students proficient in the higher grades but growth not as significant as the lower grades.
- Overall, coming out of a pandemic, the results are very good. There was notable improvement as most students' scores increased from the Fall data. The primary grades are progressing very well as the vast majority of students are proficient. We need to target 4th and 5th grade students.
- Nicole Berglund (MTSS and TSA) and Donna Grim will assist the teachers in analyzing the FastBridge data

III. Covid Update

- 79 students out on first day of school in January 2022, triggering several independent studies
- There are also major shortages of staff in the district
- Teachers and staff are working incredibly hard to navigate staff shortages and numerous independent study contracts. Teachers are focusing on the key classroom curriculum and mastering existing concepts. Everything else (e.g. Testing cycles and common learning time) is on pause until we get through this new wave of cases.

IV. Budget Update / Discussion: Teacher Survey re Fund a Need

- By Feb. 4, GV needs to supply our school district with a Commitment Letter from the Learning Fund to supply the money for our Instructional Assistants (IAs).
- Donna Proposes we fund 7 IAs for next year (we currently have 7) for the projected cost of \$141,406.39.
- We currently have 20 classes, there's the possibility of 21 classes next year. Over 100 students registered for TK and K next year.
- Motion to approve the funding for 7 IAs next year at \$141,406.39. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

- Teacher Survey re Fund a Need – at the GV auction on March 5, what are we going to ask our parents to specifically fund? Previous ideas include:
 - Additional funding for Science programming to better prepare our 5th Graders for middle school
 - On campus field trips
 - Electronic Marquee (approx. \$18K - \$24K based on size, graphics & text features)
 - Indoor / Outdoor furniture
 - IA for Makers Space
 - *Flexible Seating (incorporates broken picnic tables outside classrooms that need to be repaired or replaced, seating for project based learning, benches or nooks in the playground for kids to read, do art or play board games)
 - TK/K music
 - Art docent
- Donna proposes flexible seating as the ask to the LF. We will apply additional funds raised to other items listed above, based on priority.

V. School Subcommittees Updates

- School Safety Subcommittee - Great news: Before Christmas, we received a report from the Town of Danville stating that we met the minimum threshold for a crossing guard. The report has been forwarded to the District's office.

VI. Principal / Teacher / Staff Updates

- Teachers are adjusting to District's new policies & requirements for when students are absent.
- Teachers are working on mastering the existing curriculum, not introducing new concepts, so students away don't fall behind.
- Kids will take CAASP testing sometime in April or May.
- No set date or location for CogAT test.
- Lunchtime sports started today.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.