

# Emerson Elementary Eagles



## School Community Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020 - 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting - Zoom

### Welcome/Introductions

#### Attendance:

April Reynolds

Leah Jaramillo

Joey McNamee

Jack Davis

Mary Lou Oland-Wong

Jojo Liu

Mindy Cook

Jared Pela

Ashley Dunaway

Janna Finnerfrock

Trisha Reynolds

Allison Nicholson

Bianca Shepard

Traci Wrathall

Dianne Duncan

Tisha Eggleston

Carol Blowski

Elizabeth Payne

Bri Deleon

Jolie Breitling

Samuel Hanson – outgoing SLC School Board  
Rep

Mohamed Baayd incoming SLC School Board

**Motion:** Jack moved to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes, and Trisha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The SCC thanked Sam for Mohamed Baayd introduced himself as a new

### Principal's Report:

- Food drive was a huge success – lots of food and donations contributed by the school community.
- Snowball gift giving has been remote and lots of contributions to fund gifts. It has been going really well administratively
- Teachers and various committees have been working through back to school planning.

### SIC Report:

- Mostly talked about re-entry plans. Teachers had a lot of questions.

### PTA Report:

- Looking for officers next year – how to address open seats.
- STEM night in a box
- Fundraising

- No yearbook happening this year

### **Social Media Proposal:**

- A small group worked on some SM ideas and sent ideas to April, which she passed onto the District

### **Return to In-Person Learning Update:**

- The Salt Lake Educator Association (SLEA) sent out a teacher survey – the response deadline was Dec 4.
  - Ms. Reynolds has not seen these results.
  - The survey asked general questions regarding teachers' concerns
  - The District also sent out a teacher survey, and a survey for classified employees as well.
- **District Teaching & Learning Dept – Parent Survey** – Distribution week of Dec 6
  - Mohamed reported that some families did not receive the survey, so the District is going to send out another push again.
- **Emerson School Draft Plan** – possibly for January meeting
  - Emerson is unique in that it has 3 different instructional program, including two that are administered by the District: Special Ed Hub, ELP, and Neighborhood.
  - It's not clear how the remote option will work. They are gathering data to see how many people are interested in that option. There may be a joint FTE within the District to teach small cohorts of special populations.
  - In a brainstorming session, the teacher discussed ideas, and some concerns raised included:
    - cafeteria time and students eating without masks
    - Teacher planning time
    - How asynchronous time could best be utilized
    - Rotations and special classes (music, computer, etc.), and how those can be delivered safely
    - Afterschool programs, including private child care centers that are serving school age kids.
    - Busing/transportation
    - Possibly students with disabilities need a different schedule
    - Lack of air circulation with no windows in the building
    - Safety of teachers and administrators
  - One possibility discussed is a shortened-day schedule, where kids would come in the mornings, and then get grab-and-go and lunch and go home for additional hours of online instruction. This is mainly to address safety and social distancing issues, including in the cafeteria.
  - SCC members asked questions and gave feedback on multiple issues, including:
    - Students entering the classrooms all at the same time vs. staggered entry
    - HVAC system and more robust filtering
    - Lessons learned from other schools that have been in-person. Some administrators have done some visits

- Different perspectives on whether the shortened-day schedule would work, such as with working parents' schedules
- It's important for parents to give feedback to elected policymakers, including legislators, local and state school board representatives, particularly as it relates to public school funding.
- Enrollment numbers, and how those might affect funding, and the potential for other students to come back to Emerson when in-person schooling returns.
- The availability of substitute teachers
- SCC members resoundingly thanked teachers and administrators at Emerson for the incredible job they are doing in this difficult time, when there are no good choices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**\*Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom**