

HAWTHORNE SCC meeting notes Jan. 11, 2021 Joseph R. Nielsen

Present – members: Marian, Joseph, Merrie, Lindsay, Jessica, Troy, Ross, Heather, Dawnell, Beth, Lizzie, Stacy, Ashley, Mohamed, Megan

- faculty presenter: Marilyn Taft

Motion to approve minutes and agenda made and seconded and passed.

Re-opening plan – Marilyn: She presented the plan that the faculty has put together to send to parents and guardians. Troy said that he wanted to be sure that the start times for individual classes was made clear. Questions were asked about which classes and teachers would be returning to school, and the opportunity to revisit the opening of school at the first of March. Mohamed spoke to this re-evaluation as an opportunity to make changes based on the changing circumstances, vaccination availability, and other factors. Vaccinations will be available to school employees beginning Thursday, Jan. 14th, according to the Districts schedule.

Mohamed also explained that the Legislature has put forth their position that if schools do not return to in-person by Jan 25th (for Elementary) and Feb. 8th (for Secondary) the teachers will be excluded from the bonus they are offering, and that legislators will push legislation that would take money from SLC District and give it to parents who enroll their children elsewhere.

Marilyn was asked about the school day, She explained that the District is requiring a school day of 6.5 hours, but that doesn't mean that all that time is front of the computer for instruction, but they may be working on an assignment with the teacher available to answer questions or provide help. She also talked about the supervision of students during recess and the way lunches will be handled. All lunches will be sack lunches, students will have assigned seating with social distancing, and the cafeteria will be cleaned/sanitized between groups.

Outdoor, landscaping subcommittee – Ross: He surveyed faculty about three general topics;

1. Using the outdoors as a classroom.

Several teachers indicated that they would like to use the outside for teaching science subjects.

## 2. Creating a school garden.

There was some support for a garden, if it involved students in a significant way.

## 3. Providing shade for students during outside activities.

There was a great deal of support for adding trees/shade for the playground.

Ross and Stacy met with a teacher at the Science Academy to talk about his ideas and experiences. He also visited the outdoor classroom at Emerson to see how it was constructed and maintained. Dawnell spoke about her experience there, and that they had a dedicated Staff person, and several committed parent volunteers. Ross talked about getting the students involved. He said the deadline for Outdoor Classroom Grant is in March, but other deadlines for trees and other landscaping are not until later in the year. Jessica said she thought the idea of reaching out to Emerson was worth pursuing. Stacy said she had tried to make contact but had not had a response yet. She will reach out to Maddie at Emerson again. Merrie mentioned other in the school community who also had offered to help with the idea of a school garden.

Safe Route – Marian: She talked about changes that have happened and are planned to happen on the streets around the school. She will check with the city about the situation with Crossing Guards. She suggested that anyone interested in working as a Crossing Guard check on the City's website. Ashley asked if Marian to forward job information to her.

Land Trust Funds - Marian: We are continuing to work on our math and science goals and appreciate the support of SCC in providing Land Trust funding. Marian said that she had talked to Shelley Rich – she is excited about returning to Hawthorne in the fall. Part of her salary has come from our Land Trust funding. Marian would like to have feedback for the SCC about the allocation of Land Trust Funds, and how they would like to see them used. We are using Acadience Test and Reading Inventory Test results to target our reading/language arts instruction. These tests will be given in the next few weeks.

Student Success Goals - Marian: we are still working on the goals to make children feel welcome in school and continue to work on the other areas - language arts, math and science.

Reports-

C&A – Merrie asked about the selection of students for the program. Marian confirmed that it was by lottery. She also explained how to find the application on the District website – under open enrollment. The information should also be on the school website. Troy said that he was hearing from teachers that they are concerned that they are losing break time as specials schedules change. He asked if paras could be used to supervise classes and give teachers breaks. Marian said we are still looking at this issue and looking for solutions. He asked about the appearance of 3 adults in a classroom. Marian tried to explain that there are 3 are because of the housing of multiple instructors in the same room. Ross wondered if there was funding for Para's to assist other teachers/students. Others spoke to express appreciation for teacher's efforts to get parents involved as volunteers.

ELP – Lizzie: Open houses are coming for 6th graders. Their last meeting was focused on wondering what was coming next.

Neighborhood – Stacy: nothing to share.

PTA – Megan: School pictures this Wednesday. Take-out fundraiser with Mod Pizza on Feb. 9th.

Staff – Beth: we covered what the faculty has been talking about at the first of our meeting. Marilyn expressed gratitude for all the support from SCC and parents.

Other – None

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed.