

# Foxboro Elementary School

School Site Council

Tuesday October 17th, 2023

## Members Present:

Kristyn Andrews, Jon Fogarty, Michele Berry, Jaime Cippolone, Gabrielle Crummey-Smith, Christina Valentine, Jennifer Howell, Alma Herout, Lauren Bender, Elena Drake, and Jody Dorroh

## Absent:

Alitt Carajal

## Parents present:

Irene Dorsey, Kirsten Babb, Denise Castaneda, Nicole Kenney, Sean Kenney, Jason Perry, Julia Weist, Amy Watts, and Kayla Cerna, Megan D'Antonio

## Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Kristyn Andrews in person in the MPR at Foxboro. We welcomed Jody Dorroh as the new parent in the SSC. We welcomed back Gabrielle Crummey-Smith, and Christina Valentine as staff. Jennifer Howell is a first year teacher in SSC. Jaime Cipollone has returned as a teacher this time, and not a parent.

## Approve minutes of last meeting:

Draft of Sept 19th, 2023 meeting minutes were emailed to all members. Lauren Bender made a motion to approve minutes with a second from Alma Herout.

## School Site Council responsibilities and Officer elections:

SSC responsibilities, actions, and composition. Single Plan for Student achievement. Obtain recommendations, and related expenditures to take to the governing board. For the election of officers, there is a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary. The chairperson develops

the agenda with Mrs. Andrews, the vice chairperson does the duties of the chairperson if they are absent, and the secretary keeps the minutes of the meeting and records what is talked about.

The School Site Council will pick its members at the next meeting in November. A motion was made by Michele Berry with a second from Jennifer Howell.

### Moving 6th graders to Golden West exploration:

The board is exploring moving the 6th graders across all elementary schools in Travis Unified School District to Golden West Middle School. They will create a facility master plan, and engage in strategic planning. The process starts with the board taking action on October 10th to formally explore grade level reconfiguration. The board will gather feedback, do fact finding, and decide if they need to add facilities and staffing. The board will make the final decision but don't anticipate implementation before the 2025-2026 school year.

We can expect surveys to all families, student focus groups, updates on process, and board presentation and recommendation in early 2024. A board deliberation and decision on if 6th graders will go to Golden West is expected by the end of the school year. Parents can learn more online by going to [View TUSD Regular meeting-eBoardsolutions](#). Why is TUSD exploring this? Because they look at the master plan every 5 years. Parents can come to governing board meetings to give parent input in a 3 minute time frame. You have to fill in a card in order to speak at the meeting and you should get there early.

### Public Input and Questions:

Why is the district wanting to make this change? What are the enrollment numbers? How far in advance is the board agenda posted to the public? Golden West currently has a facilities nightmare, what are the facilities plans to house 6th graders? 5th graders are not mentally ready for this, what is the plan to make sure they are prepared? What are the

transportation considerations? Have you asked 6th grade teachers what they think yet? Will there be social and emotional considerations? How do we know parent frustrations are actually heard and taken into consideration? Has this transition been explored in the past? Are we looking at other district's models in 6th grade? Does 6th grade here at Foxboro follow the Golden West curriculum? With all the new houses, are they considering building a new elementary school? How many 6th graders total are across all the elementary schools in TUSD? Have they considered splitting 6th grade between elementary school and junior high and giving the parents an option to choose? What facts will actually make an impact on this final decision? Are we going to have a district boundaries reconfiguration?

#### School Updates:

Tomorrow, October 18th is Unity Day to stop bullying. Kids can wear orange. There is a poster contest on kindness, acceptance and inclusion at Foxboro. Last day to turn in posters is Oct 23rd. 5th and 6th graders did Vision and hearing testing. Dine/Donate at Texas Roadhouse every Tuesday in October. Donating helps fund the PTA. October 23rd-27th is Red Ribbon Week. Monday is Sports day, Tuesday is Mismatched day, Wednesday is oversized day, Thursday is Red day, and Friday is Animal print/ears day. The Harvest festival is Friday Oct 27th, and we need parent Volunteers. October 31st is Costume Dress up day and students need to sign a contract in order to wear their costumes. November 1st is Pajama day. November 1st is also Dine and Donate at Makse from 5-9pm. November 3rd is a minimum day and students get out at 12pm because report cards are coming out. November 10th is Veterans day and there is no school. November 13th, 14th, 16th, and 17th are minimum days for parent/teacher conferences. November 23rd is the Solano Turkey Trot.

#### Safety and Facility Updates:

Portable install is going smoothly. There will be a permanent black fence around Foxboro, and a silver fence for the yard.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

