

SSC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2023

3:30 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- 1.1. 3:32 PM by Mrs. Ridgeway

2. Welcome & Introductions

- 2.1. Today's Secretary: Allison McMath (Teacher)
- 2.2. Present: Lilian Amavisca (Parent), Allison McMath (Teacher), Marla McDonough (Teacher), Madison Biddle (Student), Victoria Lee (Student), Noelle Dionne (Student), Amy Tanner Neely (School Staff), Robin Ridgeway (Administration)
- 2.3. Virtual: Maria Lee (Parent)
- 2.4. Absent: Olivia Avila (Parent), Daren Estes (Teacher), Jasmine Choi (Teacher)

3. Develop Norms

- 3.1. Ms. Ridgeway reviewed last year's norms. She stated we can keep the same norms as last year or we can choose to change them.
- 3.2. The below norms were adopted.
- 3.3. Everyone is able to voice their opinions and is heard.
- 3.4. Support the consensus.
- 3.5. Start and end on time.
- 3.6. RSVP manner of attendance 2 hours prior for the hybrid meeting. Calendar invites will be sent 1 week or earlier for the meeting.

4. Review By-Laws

- 4.1. Ms. Ridgeway reviewed the By-Laws under Membership. Ms. Ridgeway proposed eliminating the 50 word statements for Parents and Staff members.
 - 4.1.1. Ms. Amavisca motioned to approve the above proposed changes. Madison Bittle seconded. The By-Laws were unanimously approved with changes noted.

5. Determine Roles

- 5.1. Ms. Ridgeway reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the members. The following were nominated and accepted their new roles.
- 5.2. Facilitator: Robin Rodgeway
- 5.3. Vice Facilitator: Marla McDonough
- 5.4. Secretary: Allison McMath
- 5.5. Members at Large: All of the School Site Council members.

6. Enrollment Update

- 6.1. Benton currently has 707 students. Enrollment at Benton has increased over the past few years.

7. Data Review

- 7.1. Ms. Ridgeway stated SBAC data is currently embargoed. Students may access their own scores in PowerSchool. Benton did show some growth in Math and Language Arts, but not as much as the school goal.
- 7.2. Ms. Ridgeway reviewed the school budget including the categories of Lottery vs. LCFF.
- 7.3. Mrs McMath inquired about the Theatre Director and Assistant Directors dollars. Ms. Ridgeway noted the amount and that these stipends are outlined in the TANLA agreement.

8. Schoolwide Focus

- 8.1. Ms. Ridgeway reviewed the below schoolwide focus areas for Benton this school year.
- 8.2. Improve Attendance
 - 8.2.1. Goal is 97%, Last Year 93%, YTD 95%
 - 8.2.2. Ms. Ridgeway asked students which reward they would like for attendance. Students mention they would like Homework Passes.
- 8.3. Improve Student Engagement
 - 8.3.1. Training and Use of Kagan Strategies
- 8.4. C - E - R Writing & Speaking
 - 8.4.1. Teaching students to support their Claims with Evidence and Reasoning
- 8.5. Strengthen Academics
 - 8.5.1. Engaging students in Data Chats

9. Calendar Updates

- 9.1. Next SSC Meetings: November 2nd, January 18th, February 22nd, April 11, May 30th

10. New Business

- 10.1. None at this time.

11. Public Input

- 11.1. None at this time.

12. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Ms. Tanner-Neely. Mrs. McDonough seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:03PM.