

MMES School Council Meeting

Date: October 20, 2023

Time: 8:04 am

Location: Mercury Mine Conference Room

Facilitator: Donna Alley, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Principal Representative** – Donna Alley, Principal
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Yvonne Pilling, 6th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Djin Beauregard, 5th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Elizabeth Stein, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Support Staff Representative** – Sandy Ditsch
- **Parent Representative** – Rachel Guthrie
- **Parent Representative** – Kimberly Simons
- **Parent Representative** – Rebecca Rubens
- **Community Representative** - Jenifer Pang

Guests Present:

Dr. Steve Jeras - Assistant Superintendent Primary

Stephanie Taueki - Interim Principal

Jake White - Parent

Purpose: To approve previous minutes and to discuss administration changes.

Outcomes: All members will have an understanding of the administration at Mercury Mine moving forward into the rest of the 2023-2024 school year.

Minutes

I. Welcome

- A. Welcome and introduction of members
- B. Minutes of the September 28th, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

II. Upcoming Administration Changes

- A. Mrs. Alley announced that her last day at MMES will be Monday, November 6. She is retiring early due to family health matters. She had planned to retire in May 2024. An

interim principal has been chosen and Mrs. Alley turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Jeras for further information.

- B. Dr. Jeras announced that an interim principal will start on October 30, 2023, to allow for a few days of overlap with Mrs. Alley. The interim principal will lead MMES through May 2024. In spring, likely January or February, an interview process will take place and the interim principal can apply for the permanent position at that time. A mentor program and regular visits by Dr. Jeras and Lora Herbein, Director of Student Services Elementary, will provide support during the transition. The interview committee will consist of parents, teachers, support staff, and district representatives.
- C. Dr. Jeras introduced Stephanie Taueki as MMES Interim Principal. Stephanie provided some background information including her education and work experience.
- D. A letter will be sent to all MMES families today and a letter of introduction will be sent on Monday, October 30, from Stephanie directly to the MMES community.
- E. The By-Laws review will be done at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am.