

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on January 24, 2024

SOT members:

Sharee Bennecke (parent) present
Angie Lee (parent) present
Lorin Altman (parent) present
Krysta Ortiz (parent) present
William Fronk (student rep.) present

Andrew Slocum (teacher) present
Veronica Sakola (teacher) present
Casey Juliano (teacher) present
TBA (support staff) absent
Lily Larkin (student rep.) present

Also present:

Jackie Carducci, principal
Katja Hermes assistant principal
Nakia Barker, assistant principal
Vince Bognot, assistant principal

- Angie motions to call the meeting to order at 2:31pm, Andy 2nds, Krysta calls the meeting to order.
- Krysta asks team to review minutes, edits are made, January 10 minutes are approved.
- Krysta inquires about School Improvement plan, Nakia explains that we will review the plan at the February SOT meeting.
- Krysta inquires about updates about the strategic budget. Team reviews budget information provided by the school banker.
- Nakia explains the current budget balances, including staff salaries and expenses.
- Vince adds that the bleacher rehabilitation is in process, and it is hopeful that the new bleachers will be installed in mid 2025.
- Andy inquires if the bleacher expense will be from our current school year budget, or if the delayed install will impact the budget for next school year.
- Nakia explains that additional staff members, including a computer literacy teacher, ELA teacher, and a Social Studies teacher will need to be allocated for the 2024-2025. Nakia adds that the safe school professional and the Chromebook technician (SBT) have been added in to the strategic budget for 2024-2025 school year, and the admin team is awaiting approved from CCSD for funding these added positions.
- Sharee inquires about school safety administrator responsibilities, and if there is a specific administrator in charge of campus safety, with the recent changes in administration.
- Nakia explains that all assistant principals are responsible for overseeing campus safety, especially as it relates to issues of bullying. When issues must be escalated, they are forwarded to the principal of the school.

- Jackie explains that the admin team makes necessary adjustments in the event of situations that warrant immediate attention.
- Casey inquires about the added positions, including the Chromebook SBT and safe school professional.
- Krysta verifies that the additional staff members are written into next year's budget already, and Nakia explained that the only position not currently written into the 2024-2025 budget is the computer literacy teaching position.
- Krysta asks if the other expenses including the Five Star program have been allocated for next year.
- Casey asks for clarification about the Esser grant funded positions (SBT2 and safe school professional), and whether those positions are fully funded for 2024-2025.
- Nakia explains that the SBT2 position was already funded with the local school budget for the 2023-2024 school year, and that this allocation carried over from this school year to the next.
- Casey adds that it would be very helpful to be able to discuss and vote on the allocations for additional staff members, such as an additional assistant principal, campus security staff person, so that the school understands that the SOT fully supported these additional allocations.
- Krysta adds that prioritizing staff positions will be essential in moving forward with next year's allocations.
- Andy adds that more transparency is needed in the process of adding staff members, so that the SOT can officially show their support for the needed positions and highlight the reasons why the expenses were supported (or not) by SOT members.
- Vince adds that he supports transparency in the process of discussing and voting on the allocation of funds for additional staff members that are not already currently allocated.
- Krysta explains that the SOT will be asked to comment and review the student code of conduct and make possible suggestions to address campus safety issues, including consequences for simulated weapons.
- Student representative Will adds that Student Council is hosting a Valentine's Dance on February 14, and that cell phones will not be allowed, due to privacy issues.
- Sharee asks about interest in the 8th grade Disneyland trip, and how many students have signed up. Nakia explains that there are currently 20 students signed up.
- Vince adds that, as administrator over activities, that he can investigate the planning of an 8th grade field day/activity for the end of the year with behavior criteria in place for participation.
- Casey adds that yearbook baby ads absolutely must be submitted by January 31.

Next SOT meeting is scheduled on February 21 @2:30pm