

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on January 10, 2024

SOT members:

Sharee Bennecke (parent) absent
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

- Krysta calls the meeting to order at 2:30 pm
- Krysta explains that the new budget for 2024-2025 school year will not be distributed for a few more days.
- Krysta asks the team to review the meeting minutes from November. Angie motions to approve the minutes, Casey 2nds, November minutes are approved.
- Members introduce themselves, Vince is acknowledged as Greenspun's new assistant principal.
- Krysta asks about updates to the school performance plan, Andy explains that the SIP team meets on January 11th, and will have updates at the next SOT meeting.
- Krysta inquires about staffing and hiring, Jackie explains that the admin team is in the process of hiring another assistant principal, and is actively seeking a Social Studies teacher for the current vacancy.
- Jackie explains the challenges of staffing the vacant class positions, using prep buyouts and long term subs.
- Vince explains some of the priority budget needs for 2024-2025, including teacher name signs for the hallway, and bleachers for the gymnasium.
- Andy inquires about how to initiate the conversation with the SOT to allocate strategic budget funds for positions that are important to the school.
- Krysta adds that other positions previously funded by the Esser emergency grant may no longer be funded by the CCSD budget in the coming school year.
- Nakia explains that we will need to review the 2024-2025 strategic budget in order to know how much money will be available to fund positions that are integral to the school.

- Nakia presents expenses in excess of \$2,000, including purchases for furniture and a laptop for the new assistant principal, musical instruments for the fine arts department, Chromebooks, marquee sign repairs, batteries for the custodial cart, and library books, for a total of \$38,252.
- Lorin motions to approve the expenses, Angie 2nds, SOT votes unanimously to approve the expenses in excess of \$2,000 for January.
- Nakia explains that the school is also seeking to fund a functional sound system and bleachers for the gym.
- Student representative Will inquires about the implementation of the Five Star program that the SOT previously approved the purchase of in the Fall.
- Katja explains that the admin team continues to analyze the logistics, including staffing, in order to be able to implement the system.
- Krysta explains that she has implemented the Five Star system at the school where she is an administrator, and that they started only with the bathrooms. Krysta explains that the Five Star program also enables staff to limit and monitor student movement throughout the building.
- Andy expresses interest in evaluating the 2024-2025 strategic budget to determine continuing to fund employees for the 2024-2025 school year that were previously funded by the Esser grant, including the Chromebook SBT and the Safe school professional.
- Krysta suggests that the SOT can evaluate the budget at the next meeting, and list and prioritize positions for funding, once the 2024-2025 strategic budget has been distributed to school administrators.

Next SOT meeting is scheduled for January 24th @2:30pm