

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on February 21, 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

- Krysta calls the meeting to order at 2:30pm
- Krysta asks Nakia to review the school performance plan update for the team
- Nakia explains that "check #2" on the performance plan has been completed, and the MAP scores showed some improvement from the Fall to the Winter testing window.
- Nakia explains that Math MAP scores met the performance plan target goal, but Reading MAP scores fell short of the projected growth target.
- Nakia explained that the ELA department discussed the MAP test results and brainstormed strategies to help increase the scores to meet the growth targets for the Spring testing window.
- Nakia adds that PLC (Professional Learning Communities) time has been prioritized on the schoolwide calendar to enable colleagues to be able to meet more consistently, with fewer interruptions from other commitments, such as parent conferences, IEP meetings, etc.
- Nakia adds that the Panorama survey results were less positive than expected, possibly due to the statistic that only 1,083 students participated in the survey. Nakia adds that participation will be a focus of the next survey to help ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate.
- Nakia next presents budget information, including purchase approvals for items in excess of \$2,000.
- Casey motions to approve the purchase of Edpuzzle Pro school license at a cost of \$2,940. Angie 2nds, SOT votes unanimously to approve the purchase.
- Nakia explains that the admin team is working diligently to expedite the request to replace the gymnasium bleachers as a part of the 2023-2024 budget.

- Vince explains that the CCSD representative assisting with the bleachers rehabilitation project has assured him that the project will be billed prior to the end of the 2023-2024 budget cycle, and that the bleachers *should* be installed by the end of the summer.
- Jackie explains that the hiring process has begun and Greenspun has already had several excellent candidates apply for the open ELA positions.
- Will inquires about the staffing status of the History department as well, and Jackie explains that the History department is fully staffed for 2024-2025.
- Nakia explains that the 2024-2025 strategic budget is posted publicly on the greenspunjhs.com website under "Plans of Operation".
- Nakia reviewed several elements of the 2024-2025 strategic budget, including funding for important positions such as the Safe School Professional.
- Will inquires about Five Star implementation and the ID card policy.
- Vince explains that he has observed the Five Star implementation in other schools, and was able to further develop the implementation plan at Greenspun with the ideas that he learned.
- Vince adds that there will most likely be an additional component for attendance in Infinite Campus, and that will be part of the implementation at Greenspun.
- Krysta adds that Infinite Campus may actually be able to facilitate all of the same features of Five Star, all in a familiar software package that every CCSD school already has access to.
- Jackie explains that the new cell phone pouch policy that is being implemented at every secondary school districtwide will help reduce the number of cyberbullying incidents.
- Vince explains that there are two teachers in each grade level who have offered to pilot the new cell phone signal blocking pouches on our campus.
- Sharee offers that some *students* might even volunteer to pilot the cell phone pouch program for the school.
- Katja explains that the admin team does not want to hold or confiscate cell phones, and that most effective plans for signal blocking pouches include a policy that the cell phone is only confiscated if the phone is out of the signal blocking pouch.
- Will inquires if cell phones will be allowed during lunch times.
- Vince explains that some schools do not allow cell phones at lunch, and that some schools confiscate cell phones on sight, and are returned only to parents.
- The SOT shares numerous experiences and opinions regarding cell phone use at school, concerts and in life.
- Krysta asks the SOT if they would be willing to review the CCSD Code of Conduct and submit recommendations via form or email for possible revision by CCSD.

Next SOT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 @2:30pm