

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on November 20, 2019

SOT members:

Rebecca Hill (parent) absent	Dana Martin (teacher) present
Andrew Slocum (teacher) present	Heather Houchens (teacher) present
Mellissa Thompson (parent) present	Katie Gallagher (student rep) present
Diana Morgan (parent) present	Shannon Phillips (parent) absent
Armida Soderberg (support staff) present	

Also present:

Jacqueline Carducci, principal
Nakia McKeever, assistant principal

- Jackie reviews SOT protocol and purpose and begins introductions of members
- Members introduce themselves
- Brief review of minutes from previous meeting
- Jackie outlines funding decisions based on CCSD Deans' positions reorganization, including adding an assistant principal, social worker, and student success facilitator.
- Jackie proposes that we make a student success advocate a full-time position, based on filling the reorganization positions
- Jackie explains the need to fill the student success position full-time
- Diana proposes increasing parent advocacy to fill student success positions, ie. CCSD focus meetings
- Jackie explains that student success hirings may not be in effect until the beginning of 2020-2021 school year.
- Jackie explains that Cassandra Brewster has respectfully declined membership on the SOT. Office manager Armida Soderberg will fill in as support staff representative in the interim.
- Heather explains that she may also have support staff representatives willing to participate on the SOT
- Heather proposes that we change monthly meeting times to 2:31pm, and everyone agrees.
- Jackie explains that the next meeting will be held December 11, 2019 at 2:31pm.

- Jackie explains the role of the chair, and proposes that we nominate a chairperson for this year's team.
- Various team members discuss the pros and cons of chairing the team
- Heather nominates Diana Morgan as chairperson, Andy seconds her nomination, team elects Diana as chairperson
- Diana accepts the team's nomination
- Heather nominates Andy as secretary, Jackie seconds the nomination, team votes and elects Andy as secretary extraordinaire.
- Heather proposes offering core classes as an early bird option, so that more students will have more flexibility in their regular school day elective choices.
- Jackie explains that there are early bird core class choices at the high school level as well.
- Diana inquires about any data to support the investment in a course catalog change, as well as transportation options for students in early bird
- Katie explains that early bird classes would give her more options as well as opportunities for extra help.
- Nakia explains that it is difficult to decide which grade level's core classes should get the early bird—as well as accelerated vs. regular, citing the World Geography early bird that we piloted several years ago.
- Heather proposes soliciting suggestions from staff for early bird options.
- Jackie explains that 7th and 8th graders may benefit more from the extra option of early bird.
- Heather explained that Greenspun used to have a PE/Health early bird option many years ago, which freed up 8th graders to have an extra elective.
- Nakia asked about how contractual obligations might affect teacher and/or course selection for early bird
- Diana suggests soliciting data to support the change, perhaps via Google Forms survey.
- Diana inquires about offering remedial options before or after school, and explains how the college(s) are under similar pressures regarding remedial class offerings.
- Andy asks about how additional early bird offerings might affect existing music department early bird offerings.
- Heather explains that the music department is currently brainstorming ideas for music department early bird selections.
- Diana inquires about liability regarding having students on campus as early as 6:15

- Mellissa explains about CCSD police requirements and times that students are under their protection.
- Andy suggests a Google Form to solicit future agenda items in conjunction with Diana as chairperson
- Andy asks SOT to start brainstorming ideas to continue funding the chromebook program at Greenspun.
- Katie adds that, although she appreciates the access to technology with chromebooks, 1:1 device programs are not continued in high school, nor fully implemented in elementary schools.
- Heather suggests using future meeting time to research fundraising options.
- Diana asks for clarification about the NR21 grant
- Discussion ensues regarding the NR21 grant
- Heather motions to adjourn, Jackie 2nds
- Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm