

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on December 8, 2021

SOT members:

Joe Geeb (parent) present
Julie Reitz (parent) absent
Trista Van Engen (parent) present
Sharee Bennecke (parent) present
Lorin Altman (parent) present

Andrew Slocum (teacher) present
Heather Houchens (teacher) present
Page Zuniga (teacher) present
Casey Juliano (teacher) present
Kelly Ray (support staff) present

Also present:

Jacqueline Carducci, principal
Nakia Barker, assistant principal
Jason Bidwell, assistant principal

- Sharee calls the meeting to order at 2:36pm
- Sharee calls roll, all members present
- Joe motions to approve November 18 minutes, Casey 2nds the motion, SOT votes, November minutes are approved
- Sharee moves to the next agenda item regarding COVID protocols.
- Jackie explains current protocols including masking and quarantine guidelines, group and family events, etc.
- Joe explains that COVID protocols are evolving continually based on current information, and asked about the temperature check requirement at the front office
- Heather adds that there are temperature requirements for other visitors on campus, including her student teacher.
- Andy explains that all COVID protocols are posted on the CCSD re-opening guidance document on the CCSD website, which is also bookmarked on the greenspun website under "Covid Information"
- Joe inquires about the emails that are sent via Parentlink in the event of COVID exposure on campus.
- Jackie explains that current CCSD guidance requires her to send the COVID email to families in the event of an exposure on campus.
- Sharee advances to the next item on the agenda regarding the budget summary report.
- Nakia shares information regarding the current budget balances and expenditures.

- Nakia explains that some of the remaining balance must be earmarked to fund the upcoming summer school program in Summer 2022.
- Nakia asks SOT members to review the budget summary report, and that expenditures for the upcoming month will be able to be reviewed at the next meeting in January.
- Page inquires about the availability of funds for the 6th grade summer orientation program.
- Jackie explains that more information will be forthcoming about funds available for the 6th grade summer orientation.
- Jackie adds that teachers are very proactive about creating fundraising opportunities for their needs, such as GoFundMe, and Donors Choose.
- Heather explains the various needs of the music program and how their inventory was affected by pandemic stressors.
- Sharee advances to the next item on the agenda regarding construction and building rehabilitation updates
- Jackie explains that the parking lot, landscaping, HVAC system projects are all still in progress, but finishing up soon. She added that the gym bleachers will also soon be replaced.
- Sharee shared that some of the new signage in the front parking lot is confusing for parents, and may need to be revisited.
- Sharee advanced to the agenda item regarding SOT member attendance guidelines, and the possible implementation of attendance requirements.
- Team members discuss various options for attendance requirements, such as missing 2 meetings can trigger a replacement on the team,
- Page motions that a 2 absence policy be implemented. Heather 2nds the motion, team votes and approves a 2 absence guideline. (If a member is absent for 2 meetings, they may be replaced at the SOT's discretion).
- Heather and Casey explain that there are many parents who would probably be interested in creating a PTO at Greenspun.
- Trista explains that communication is key to soliciting parent involvement.
- Andy inquires about the possibility of creating a parent newsletter to get more information out to parents.
- Casey shares that other schools utilize other communication services such as Remind and Parentlink to share important updates about the school.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding rollover SOT membership for the next school year, so there is an easier transition to the next SOT.
- Team discusses that it would be advantageous to have the current Chairperson assist with the transition for the following year

- Sharee advances to the the next agenda item regarding pre-approving purchases.
- Andy explains that voting to pre-approve purchases sometimes feels cumbersome.
- Various SOT members share that many purchases can be made by admin team without SOT pre-approval, but maybe there could be a dollar amount that would trigger an SOT vote.
- Casey shares that some purchases for various departments may have unexpected purchases.
- Page suggests that purchases over \$2,000 require SOT vote.
- Jackie and Nakia explained that budget expenditures can be provided to the SOT
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding SOT members' contact information on the website. Members indicate that contact information would be appropriate, and that anyone who does not want their cell phone number available to other members may abstain
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding Joe's agenda item suggestion regarding grade requirements for extracurricular activities.
- Joe expresses concerns that some students may be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities who are currently failing classes, even though they signed an academic agreement.
- Jackie explains that Greenspun is subject to NIAA rules for participation in athletics, and that grade checks are reported every 3 weeks while in season.
- Page explains that parents are probably wondering if grade checks are being conducted as outlined by the NIAA.
- Nakia explains that NIAA guidelines only apply to athletics, but not to extracurricular clubs or activities.
- Joe explained that some parents are questioning whether the school is conducting the grade checks as required.
- Nakia explains that Fall sports (flag football) that were initiated for the first time, were just getting started for the first time and developed procedures for eligibility checks.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding the currency of school fights on campus.
- Jackie and Nakia explain that school fights are more common districtwide, and Greenspun has not been exempt from issues with students fighting recently.
- Casey explains that it can be extremely challenging to monitor students' social media.
- Joe refers the admin team to resources that are provided by Henderson PD with respect to social and digital media.

- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding food and milk availability in the cafeteria.
- Joe asks if students are ever denied lunch or food in the cafeteria.
- Nakia explains that school lunch is free for all students, and that no student should ever be denied lunch in the cafeteria.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding the school bathrooms.
- Nakia explains the challenges with the school bathrooms with vandalism and plumbing issues and ensuring access for all persons on campus.
- Sharee asks about ensuring students' transportation safety to and from school, especially.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding communication. Team discusses ideas for how to improve communication between school, families, and students.
- Meeting is adjourned at 4:07pm

Next SOT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 @2:30pm.