



Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** David Church, Principal; Parker Wepasnick Teacher; Taylor Rayner, Teacher; Rachel Derong, Teacher; Brittani Rideaux, Teacher; Meredith O'Rourke, Teacher; Danetta Keevill, Professional-Staff; Mary Oliver, Professional Staff Member; Mayte Sanchez, Non-Instructional Staff Member; Carlyn Burton, Parent; Andrea French, Parent

**Members Absent:** Cody McGregor, Community Representative; Lauren Snead, Community Member; Maria Gauthier, Teacher

**Guests in attendance:** Leslie Smith, Counselor, Natalia Junkans, Instructional Specialist;

**Welcome –**

Mr. Church welcomed the members to the SDMC meeting. The agenda for the meeting was read, and a motion to approve the minutes was made. Minutes were approved.

**School Naming Committee –**

The first meeting with the School Naming Committee took place virtually on Thursday, January 6. The purpose of the first meeting was to introduce each member and to present the case for changing the school's name submitted by a community member. A copy of the mission statement was shared with committee. All selected nominees for the committee accepted the nomination onto the committee. The School Naming Committee will meet every other week. The next meeting will take place, Thursday, January 20.

**Playground/Spark Park Improvements**

A water bottle filler was installed, replacing the broken playground water fountain. The water cooler will be installed after the threat of a freeze later in the spring. We are proud of the Travis Robotics team that first suggested installing a bottle filler and new fountain several years ago.

Hugelkultur mounding was installed for student safety and to protect the roots of the trees on the playground. The mounding encourages the roots to grow into the soil and the organic matter as it breaks down.

The Foundation has been working with teachers and discussing bringing back a sandbox experience to our playground for the younger students. The installation of a tricycle track is also being explored. Additionally, a regulation size gaga ball pit will be added to the playground area.

### **Covid Precautions**

Currently, the school is sending home on average 3-4 students per day, and compared to other similar schools in the district, we are doing well. Teachers continue to take precautions to minimize the number of students in close with each other in class to minimize the need for contact tracing.

### **Outdoor Lunch**

With temperatures dropping and a decrease in parent volunteers to cover the outdoor lunch, the school has developed a new schedule to accommodate each grade level in the cafeteria with one class eating outside or in the classroom once per week. We're moving kindergarten to an earlier lunch time, and this will keep our numbers the same in the cafeteria, and we'll continue to seat only 4 students at each cafeteria table.

Parents may continue to come to school to eat with their children outside if they would like to.

### **New Items**

Some students have returned to school after the break with wrist watches with cellular service. Teachers have discovered students who have been using their device to text with other students during class, and especially at recess or during mask breaks. This has become a distraction for students. The SDMC discussed the need for an updated policy on communication devices. It was decided that any device used for communication should follow the same policy currently in place for cell phones. The Student/Parent Handbook will be updated and parents will be notified via Living Tree of the update.

### **Next Meeting**

The next SDMC meeting will be held virtually on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15 unless otherwise notified.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.