



# NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Pathway to the Future*

## School Site Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 25, 2021, 2:30 P.M. Google Meet

### **Present:**

Andrew Derrick, Mary Helfenberger, Keiko Charif, Val Bobias, Amanda Meng, Jacquie Kramer, Nitu Singh, Parul Manglik

**Absent:** None: Prati Dayal, Muktha Goyal

**Called the meeting to order:** 2:32 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Ms. Prati and Ms. Goyal reported absence through emails.

**Approval of Agenda:** No Change or No Addition to Agenda

**Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Derrick motioned to approve and Mrs. Manglik seconded. All in favor. Charif requested Dr. Derrick to clarify the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) to members.

**Public Comment:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **Ongoing Business:**

#### **1. DELAC**

No Report as Ms. Dayal is absent.

Dr. Derrick mentioned that ELPAC testing is scheduled for March 4. Parents of EL students have received the letter from the district. No prep for the test is required, and the test result does not reflect any report card. Mrs. Singh brought up a concern from parents that they are confused about the testing and need more clarification about ELPAC Testing. Dr. Derrick acknowledged the concern and he would write an email to parents. ELPAC testing will be administered by the district staff through Zoom meetings.

(Due to ELPAC testing, the school Read Around America Dr. Seuss Day will be moved to March 11.)

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Classroom Technology Expenditures**

Dr. Derrick shared with the members the result of the teachers' survey for technology needs in the classroom. There were 3 items that the majority of teachers requested in the survey.

1. A video projector \$400 or more budget
2. Doc Camera \$100
3. A Computer Monitor/Large Screen Monitor \$100-\$130

The technology budget is about \$5,000 allocated, which means each teacher's budget is \$200 only. Also, the process of purchasing with P.O. will take extra time, and we can purchase the items from approved vendors which are registered to the Purchasing. (It also requires to include product insurance and District I.T. approval its maintenance)

Mrs. Bobias suggested that we start purchasing video projectors as we definitely need them. Buying larger monitors will not be used long enough since we will reopen the school.

Mrs. Helfenberger pointed out some possible ways after we return to the classroom how teachers can continuously use the larger monitor to support students who are visually impaired.

Mrs. Singh suggested postponing a decision till April due to the vaccination being expedited and teachers need more time to reconsider the needs of teaching in the classroom.

Dr. Derrick explained the process of P.O. purchase is time-consuming, and he wants to support A majority of teachers requested the larger screen in distance learning. Additionally, a \$200 budget per teacher is not much, and he feels okay to invest money and it is not wasting.

Dr. Derrick motioned to approve to purchase of 22 large monitors for teachers, and Charif seconded. All in favor of approving purchase the monitors for teachers who requested.

Dr. Derrick promised to continue discussing the tech budget such as dangles, video projectors, and document cameras with Mrs. Bovias. Again, at the next meeting, we will decide to set aside the needs. Mrs. Broker will immediately place orders for the larger monitors.

## **2. School Reopening**

The School District is now shifting from an original school opening model (only 2 full days and 3 distance learning days) to a model in which students will go to school 4 days a week (with Monday off) and switch the 2 groups (morning group and afternoon group) with disinfection routine during the lunch time. And one group will stay distance learning. The new administration is pushing to have SBAC State Testing for local accountability (LCAP) and Dr. Derrick is very concerned about the SBAC testing.

He has recently reached out to the Congressman for a possible waiver of testing.

Some members mentioned that students feel stress about SBAC testing soon after they return to school.

Dr. Derrick suggested that students need more adjusting time to back to the school after one full year distance learning and young children need connection with peers first after the return.

Also, currently, all Chromebooks are released to students, and the school may not have enough functional

laptops to take SBAC online testing. Currently, SBAC Testing logistics and dates are unknown.

**Next meeting Date:** Late March: Next School Year's Budget Planning

Mrs. Singh left the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Keiko Charif