

October 1, 2019 Site Council meeting

Attending members:

Zach Baumgarten, Sofia Achtner, Roshan Kapur, Ina Gottleib, Renato Beltran, Jeff DeBoi, Lisa Sandberg, Grant Althouse, Joelle Keller, Jenny Walsh, Kristi Burlingame, Lindsay Tonderys, Mike Martinez, Lisa Bridges, Shannon Janney

Reading of the norms: Sofia Achtner

Minutes from September: Ina moved, Zach seconded

Safety Plan: Jenny Walsh

- Recently met with Farah and Annalyn so information is brand new to the school.
- A need for an easier solution to dismiss the school stemmed from last year's February 14 closure during school hours.
- Kent is more invested in safety more than ever and will use Bacich's new procedure and will tailor to this population as time moves on.
- New process: students move to sprint track and grouped by first period class. First period teacher will hand out lanyards to students as they line up behind the teacher once on the track. Lanyard will help identify students who are missing and alert search/rescue. If students go indoors, the students will wear the lanyard and give back once picked up from the classroom, list of other authorized adults to pick students up on tags. Alphabetized charts will be available for parents to grab ID tags (helpful for non- English speakers), authorization team will be wearing yellow vests and easily identifiable for parents, parents will go to classroom after visiting authorization team to collect their child.
- Past system will be altered to fit the new process and should have more staff on hand for authorization to ease the process.
- Process for parents will be clearly labeled when parents arrive with signs for (1) pull tickets, (2) show photo ID and (3) Help center
- Renato is the site council safety committee member to assist with coordinating the evacuation drill.
- Students will be trained about the new system during the drill since it is an hour long and a recap at a later time.
- Kent administration will need assistance to assemble the tag and ticket system.

Kentfield Music Festival: Ina Gottleib

- Changing from just a music festival to incorporate many different talents and may take place on a Friday. New name coming to model the idea of celebrating the arts.
- Try to combine many different efforts into one celebration. Could include art, drama, Margie Burke speeches, Together We Can, Project Runway, Karaoke Contest
- In the past there were 2 music stages outside at Bacich. The first year was well attended and other activities. Second year the weekend was difficult with lots of conflicting events and full calendars.

- Pro for having during the school day allows for more participation and the campus to celebrate. Incorporating the Pops Concert would also be beneficial for Mike Martinez. The topic of having a Wednesday schedule on a Friday and inviting Bacich came up.
- Positive energy around the idea and next step would be to start working out the details. Ina to chair, Mike to help. More help to be solicited through newsletter, website and email to site council members.

#### School Update: Grant Althouse

- Facilities –
  - o Back 50 almost complete. Grant interviewed 6<sup>th</sup> graders and most said the space feels bigger because the basketball courts were moved allowing for pickleball courts. Shorter basketball courts are appreciated with more time to shoot vs run, quicker games. Posts are up to attach shades. Visually it is more appealing than before. Original ideas and what happened are different due to budgeting (\$1M vs \$300K).
  - o Construction at COM is a new maintenance yard. Lots of communication between district and COM due to the size of the project and construction noise.
  - o Security fence is moving to completion. Closed during the day and gate will be extended down the driveway to close off rooms 1-3. Discussions taking place about how to deal with closing off Grover. Ina brought up the kitchen access and gym doors being left open recently.
- September 20 – Climate Day of Action. Group of students wanted to show their support and had a rally.
- Multiple author visits. Stuart Gibson (Spy School) visited 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Jerry Kraft (The New Kid) visited through Skype and walked through his process.
- Student Council elections: Grant went through the slate. Grade elections this week.
- Students ran the assembly today to be the change.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are released tomorrow to their advisory for be the change.
- All school read starts in a few weeks The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Author to visit November 21 from Malawi. Kent reading young readers edition, Bacich to read picture book. Permission from Netflix for the school to watch the movie on November 7.

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