

November 5, 2019 Site Council meeting

Attending members:

Grant Althouse, Lisa Sandberg, Michael Martinez, Lisa Bridges, Zachary Baumgarten, Ellie Kemos, Sophia Achnert, Roshan Kapur, Kristi Burlingame, Christine Melbardis, Renato Beltran, Lindsay Tonderys, Ina Gotlieb

Reading of the norms: Zachary Baumgarten

Minutes from October: Christine moved to approve, Renato seconded. All were in favor.

There was no Communications Committee meeting today so nothing to report. The Committees for the Site Council parents are as follows:

Renato Beltran – Safety

Lindsay Tonderys – Communication

Ina Gotlieb – Wellness

Joelle Williams - Finance

Renato gave a Safety Committee update. The Fire District focused on the valley in which we are located and surrounding area (i.e. Sir Francis Drake back-up with people trying to flee). Alert Marin is a good source of information. Take away was to respect what the Fire and Police officials direct/advise. Three C's- calm, cool, and collective. 11/20 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting.

Safety Drill update - Student representatives reported sitting with their grades was helpful. Lining up by first period went well per Zachary. Improvements needed - people not following directions, talking during instructions, clumping. Happy not to sit on wet grass. Lanyards held up well. Confusion in 8th grade as to what happens when 1st period changes. Could not hear any announcements by library side. Something louder than megaphone or two people needed. Discussion re: wireless communications which are battery powered. Roshan found that lining up by first period did not work that well since he was in 3rd period at the time and 1st period teacher was not present. Ina reported students were quiet enough for her to communicate with her group. Far easier to communicate with students than last year. Lindsay reported there were conflicting directions on who was allowed to process the tickets and/or what to do when tickets taken. Even though there were extra volunteers to assist during the drill, all present during the drill believed that without the extra volunteers it would run smoothly during an emergency.

No Place for Hate Designation - By the Anti-Defamation League. Proactive approach versus reactive. To achieve designation, there need to be three instances/events during the year to address such issues which ideally are proactive. Web leaders could promote the effort as

they've been trained. There could be a No Place for Hate committee among the Web leaders. No costs involved in getting the designation.

Peer to peer tutoring - Part of the long-term strategic plan. Could it fulfill community service hours? Students provided feedback on whether they would go to same-grade peers for help; some would, some wouldn't. 8th graders might be too worried about their image to either provide help or request help.

School update - Power outage and then Halloween and dance. Christine gave feedback that she could not access the links in the texts from the school given lack of internet access. Grant indicated he had heard similar feedback from the Superintendent. Halloween parade was successful. Dance was a great success even though ticket sales were null as of Friday at lunch. Next dance is in March, 2020. The All School Read is finished. The author of the Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is coming on 11/21. November 15, 2019 is the showing of the movie from 5-7 pm. First Trimester ends in two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.