

MALIBU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 29, 2019

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Anne Russell Surgot, Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

- Meeting Attendees:
 - **Chris Hertz**, Site Council Rep/MES Principal
 - **Diane Sullivan**, Site Council Rep/MES Administration
 - **Anne Russell Surgot**, Site Council Chairperson/Parent
 - **Cyndie Weinstock**, Site Council Rep/MES Teacher
 - **Tammy Mackey**, Site Council Rep/MES Teacher
 - **Ken Harris**, Site Council Rep/MES Teacher
 - **Juanita Davis**, SMMUSD Bilingual Liaison
 - **Tara Buran**, Site Council Rep/ Parent
 - **Heather Alfano**, Site Council Rep/Parent
 - **Roui Israel**, Site Council Rep/Parent
 - **Melissa Mastripolito**, Site Council Rep/Parent
 - **Jennifer P Pappas**, Site Council Rep/Parent

Meeting attendants introduced themselves to one another.

II. MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the June 11, 2019 joint PDMSS and Juan Cabrillo Site Council meeting were read aloud and the attendees reviewed them together.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES – ELECTION RESULTS & PARENT SEATS

Last June 2019 an election was held for the MES Site Council 2019-2020 parent representative seats. 6 parents ran for 5 available seats. There was a tie. In light of the bylaws which require there to be an equal number of parent and teacher/administrator representatives, there was a request for one of the 6 parent reps to be an alternate on the council. The alternate would not be able to vote when all of the other 5 parent reps are at any one meeting. The alternate would be able to vote in the case one of the other 5 parent reps is unavailable. All parent reps, along with anyone not officially on site council, are always welcome to attend site council meetings.

Jennifer Pappas agreed to be the alternate parent representative.

Site Council representatives are elected for a period of two years – with the term being staggered so that there is always a group of seasoned representatives during any given year. However, since this is a brand new site council, half of the current representative will need to agree to serve for one year this time around.

Ken Harris, Diane Sullivan, Melissa Mastripolito and Anne Russel Shurgot agreed to serve for one year only.

IV. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Site Council officer positions for chair, vice chair and secretary were made. Election results are as follows:

- Anne Russel Shurgot will serve as the chairperson
- Chris Hertz will serve as the vice chair
- Roui Israel will serve as the secretary

V. CALENDAR FOR 2019-2020

MES Site Council Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The future meeting dates will be:

September 12, 2019; October 10, 2019; November 14, 2019; December 5, 2019; January 9, 2020; February 13, 2020; March 12, 2020; May 14, 2020.

Due to Spring Break we may or may not have an April meeting but that will be decided at a later date. We may or may not have a June meeting but that will also be decided at a later date.

VI. SSC BYLAWS

The new MES SSC needs to formulate its bylaws. An outline was provided to the group to assist the school site council in developing the MES Site Council Bylaws. In addition, a copy of Juan Cabrillo's School Site Council Bylaws were also provided to the current council. The bylaws will set forth the following aspects of the school site council:

- a. Duties,
- b. Members,
- c. Officers,
- d. Committees,
- e. Meetings, and
- f. Amendments.

Site Council reps will review the outline and example bylaws before the next meeting. Principal Hertz will great a Google Doc for our draft bylaws that all representatives can all comment upon.

VII. SCHOOL MASCOT AND SCHOOL COLOR SELECTION

The MES Site Council has been asked to be the body in charge of figuring out how the new mascot and colors will be decided. Some believe that the MES students and teachers should be surveyed. Julie Siegel may have the results from the survey that was done at the end of the last academic year. The children overwhelmingly chose the narwhal in last academic year's survey. However, the narwhal does not inhabit the waters in the Malibu area and therefore it seems inappropriate for the narwhal to be the MES mascot.

Juan Cabrillo's mascot was the dolphin. PDMSS' mascot was the sea otter. Webster's mascot is the whale. Malibu High's mascot is the shark. These animals are not allowed to be the MES mascot.

Discussion was held about limiting the animal to one that is local and native to Malibu. A Motion was made and seconded – all agreed that the mascot would have to be local and native to Malibu’s marine ecosystem. Motion passed.

Jennifer Pappas will prepare a draft survey that will be given to the students regarding the mascot. MES Site Council will aim to vote for the mascot by October 2019 and will have a hard deadline by December 2019.

Motion was made and passed to have the MES School Colors be Blue and Green. These were the colors that were unanimously chosen by all who were surveyed at the end of the last academic year.

VIII. SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

Principal Hertz is working on the Safe School Plan. A copy of the parking/drop-off and pick-up map was distributed to the council. There seems to be an issue with traffic movement on Fernhill and with the ingress and egress into the parking lot.