

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SITE GOVERNANCE) MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024

3:15 PM

Present: Daniela Wiener, David Edwards, Gabriela Carstroem, Ling Phansavath, Jaime Botello, Erin Buckley Burnett, Ryan Dinshaw, Juan Matute, Jonathan Wong

Absent: LaShawn Moore

Guests: Sybil Fenwick, Sarah DeSantis, Ashley Zartner, Kristina Milne, Robert Tisherman, Melissa Russell

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:17pm via Zoom meeting.

Welcome

Approve Agenda: approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

- **May 7 2024:** approved by 2023-24 SSC members as presented
- **Sept 17, 2024:** approved as presented

Comprehensive School Safety Plan: Dr. Wiener and Ms. Zartner presented the plan, the purpose of which is to ensure a safe learning environment and compliance with regulations. Dr. Wiener and Ms. Zartner described sections on physical safety, social-emotional safety, and emergency preparedness approach, including details on disciplinary consequences, positive reinforcement, communications plans, and staff roles. Discussion opened to public comment. Commenters asked:

- How could this plan be implemented for off-campus events such as field trips? Presenters took comments under consideration, but agreed that the strategic goals of the safety plan do not change when off campus.
- Will the district maintain its Twitter/X presence? Presenters stated that they are considering alternatives, but have not finalized a decision.

Plan was approved as presented.

Title 1 Summary: Dr. Wiener reported that the school qualified this year with \$207,200 additional funds for targeted assistance. Dr. Wiener also described the role of the SPSA, which is required for Title 1 schools (SMMUSD practice is to develop one for every school regardless of Title 1 status). Existing plan prioritized full time credential school counselor, and parent workshops/staff professional development. Discussion transitioned to discussing and evaluating

SPSA Goal 3. Dr. Wiener shared a McKinley 2024-2025 SPSA Monitoring & Accountability Tool. Upon reviewing the tool, the SSC decided to change the measurement scale from 1-5 to 1-4 and wait until hearing each presentation before evaluating the implementation status of each activity. Presenters reviewed the following:

- Goal 3.2: discussed the importance of monitors, as they school yard is most unstructured interactions between students happen. Discussed different approaches for different age groups (e.g. upper grades often must deal with the use of racial slurs). Teachers and staff on SSC stated that the behavioral approach seems to work well.
- Goal 3.4: Dr. Wiener comments that the selected books may be outdated. Newer books are more diverse. Moreover, assemblies could also be updated.
- Goal 3.5: Ms. DeSantis described the mental health team, resources, and workflow.
- Goal 3.6 and 3.7: Dr. Wiener reviewed resources in each goal.
- Goal 3.8: Dr. Wiener described collaboration w/ Casimir on trauma-responsive pedagogy and other professional development for classified staff, especially around common understanding of school implementation plan (SIP).
- Goal 3.9: Group discussed the reinforcement plan for 4-5th graders that are aligned to incentives that motivate them. Group discussed Common Sense Media certification transition.

Social Emotional Learning: tabled for December meeting.

Public Comment: See Comprehensive School Safety Plan discussion.

Agenda Setting: tabled for December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.

Notes submitted by Jonathan Wong, SSC Secretary