

SMASH Site Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:15 PM on Zoom

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In attendance:

Jessica Rishe, Sarah Daunis, Jeff Rubin, Anne Serapiglia, Jennifer Mack, Bodhi Goldstein, Ezra Mooney, Kate Ryan, Jonathan Bijur, Alisa Bizzul, Emi Macuaga, Ania Kubicz-Preis, Mike Oliver

Absent: Christian Carter, Zachary Lichtman

Adopted Agenda - Motioned by Bodhi Goldstein, Seconded by Ezra Mooney

Approved minutes of last meeting - Motioned by Ezra Mooney, Seconded by Anne Serapiglia

Community participation: None at this time

Reports and Announcements (regular agenda items)

Principal's Report:

Student Reports:

In Math, they were studying for the state tests and finals. In Humanities, they were studying for the state test. They had an essay test on To Kill a Mockingbird and history notes on the Progressive Era. In Science, they've been working on Newton's laws while building roller coasters and finishing up the labs. In Passion Projects, they're preparing for next week. The Middle School play, the Wizard of Oz, was last weekend and it went really well.

In Core 3, kids are building, revising their fantasy stories, and continuing with book clubs. They are reflecting on their interviews, planning their prototypes, and writing social action essays.

Community Organization Reports (to include but not limited to the following):

PTSA:

Jonathan is reminding everyone about the get-together this Saturday, May 10th, at 3 p.m. on Marine Park.

Student Council has a theme day this Friday, Flora and Fauna.

Old Business:

Reviewed proposed 25-26 SPSA Goal 1 (Site Council drafted this goal 4.30.25) In order to communicate/ develop written ability to express ideas to connect with and influence others, students will use writing resources (i.e. vocabulary references, anchor charts, sentence/paragraph frames, graphic organizers, Capitalization, Organization, Punctuation, Spelling support tools) to try new content in two different PBL/Writing Workshop units of study.

Jessica asked if there were any suggestions or clarifying questions after reviewing the goal. There were no questions.

Reviewed proposed 25-26 SPSA Goal 2 English Learners will become proficient in English while engaging in a rigorous, culturally and linguistically responsive standards-aligned core curriculum. (Site Council drafted this goal 2.5.25)

Jessica asked if there were any suggestions or clarifying questions after reviewing the goal. There were no questions.

New Business:

Reviewed SPSA Goal 3

This goal focuses on creating a supporting community and figuring out how we can make sure our students and families feel welcome and manage anxiety. After reflecting on the student survey data, absenteeism, etc., this data helped us decide to invite back counselors to support parents/educators, provide individual and small group counseling, have Jessica connect with those who are experiencing absenteeism to make a plan to help support those students/families, having teachers engage in 4 SEL training sessions

that will teach them about “Second Step” (through the support of the District) that can be used in the classroom.

Jessica asked if there were any suggestions or clarifying questions after reviewing the goal. There were no questions.

Adopted and approved the SPSA which needs to be submitted to Ed Services before 5.16.25. Motioned by Ezra Mooney, Seconded by Alisa Bizzul
Vote results: all were in favor

Campus Updates Discussion

A May 1 message was sent out to the community and everyone in the District. First, it detailed the physical moving time. Second, there was information about renaming and rebranding.

Jessica asked whether there were any questions. Jonathan asked if Olympic had a place to land if the building is not ready in January. The plan is for the Obama Center campus to be available. Alissa asked if there will be 2 TKS next year. Jessica said there would be two Ks and 2 TKS and shared where those new classrooms will be on campus. The SAI classroom will be in a bungalow. Emi asked if there is a plan for next school year for graduation. Jessica shared that it all depends on when we move. Alisa asked if it isn't finished in December, would there be a mid-semester move. Jessica said the plan would be to move the following September, not mid-semester. Jonathan noted that there would be a number of families who will be new to the “SMASH mindset” and he's wondering how to help orient these families. Jessica shared how they hosted the K Parent Orientation last week, plan on holding multiple park playdates over the summer, are considering buddying up new families with current families, and inviting the new families to participate in the 4th of July Parade. The same actions/events will also take place with TK parents. Jonathan is asking if we could send out philosophy/orientation information via Konstella. Site Council Parents and PTSA have been invited to participate in these events.

There was a discussion about families entering SMASH. A conversation was held about how the growing population and school dynamics, Jonathan shared how there should be even more parent education around the school's philosophy.

Anne shared that she is retiring. We will miss her dearly! We have appreciated how she advocates for her students and how she worked across settings. In addition, Jonathan

will be ending his two-year term on Site Council. We thank him for all of his hard work/smart thinking. Elections will be held soon.

Community participation: Mike asked what the rules are when running for Site Council. Principal explained that yes it is allowable to run for PTSA and Site Council.

Motion to adjourn

Motioned by Jonathan Bijur

Seconded by Jennifer Mack

Meeting notes taken by Sarah Daunis

Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 p.m

This was the final meeting for the 24-25 school year.