

Quail Run  
School Site Council Meeting  
September 5, 1018

In attendance: Mimi Quan, Christian Hicks, Neena Mamidi, Dawn Brown, Nusheen Saadat, Scott Hale, Mingshu Zhang, Geeta Chintapally, Adina Georgescu

Meeting called to order at 3:01

Meeting minutes from May meeting. **Nusheen moved to approve the minutes from last May. Scott second it. All approved.**

**SSC Brief Overview Powerpoint:** Need for one more parent. Go over purpose of school site council.

**Review of ByLaws:** talk about bylaws of our site council (these can be different between schools). If want to change bylaws, it would be a process of proposals and voting by site council. Each term is two years, and can participate for 2 terms. Typically site council is not run by principal. Mimi is running the meeting today to get us started, but will elect a Chairperson. Must have a simple majority of Quorum to vote.

**Possible positions -**

Chairperson: Scott Hale

Vice Chairperson: Adina Georgescu

Secretary: Nusheen Saadat

Parliamentarian: Neena Mamidi

**Mimi Quan moved to approve board as motioned. Christian Hicks seconded that motion, and all approved**

**Principal Report:** 4<sup>th</sup> week of school and all is going smoothly. First school wide assembly last week. It's typically one of the days of the last week of the month. Held outside on the black top for all to fit. Please come see. This year we gave each student a name tag and each had on the name tag their name and "I matter and you matter too." Student of the month is presented during this time and then launch the next character of the month. Staff members typically give a talk about the character trait for students to hear from staff that is not necessarily their own teacher. Mimi started off by talking about respect and had students tell each other "I matter and you matter too." After discussion, students came up to others that "I matter, you matter too."

Sandy Hook promise will be in all of Contra Costa County, and here we will be implementing it. It was started by some of the parents who lost children in the Sandy Hook shooting. Premise is "Start with Hello". Actually go up to people to start with a hello to bring them in. Studies have show that those kids who have become violent, who are depressed feel as though they don't

belong. The first week nationally is Sept 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have school wide assembly on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> as well. Their name tags will have "I can make a difference" on that day. During the week we will do activities as a school to promote Start with Hello. Such as dress up days, etc... super hero day, grade level colors to go outside of your grade level, mix it up lunch they can sit with different people outside of their class, by the end of the year have a mixed up lunch across grade level, having classes sign up for lunches to mix it up more, we are also doing activities in classroom – Sanford Harmony: social emotional program to be meeting up and buddying up. It helps students to "buddy up" with other students that they don't normally friend.

Nusheen: did meet up buddy up activity today and students talked about summer being really long and excited to come back. We talked about scared experiences, which allow students to feel comforted that all have common feelings and can feel comforted. "All our kids are all our kids."

Mimi: We have that small school feel despite being the biggest school in district.

Mingshu: do all students have activity/theme each week? In Dublin they had that to help me talk with my child.

Nusheen: overarching themes are character traits. Each month there is a new one. In the Trex they are listed.

Asking more pointed questions helps us to learn more about the kids' day rather than general questions about the day.

Adina shared that her child shared the phrase, "I matter, you matter too." Great reach out beyond the school day.

Nusheen would like to see name tags for everyone in school to promote that knowledge of each other and that they all can make a difference. Helping kids feel connected.

Parents welcome to come to school – wide assembly. Always listed in the calendar. Parents always welcome.

**Meeting Dates:** next meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup>, first Wednesday of the month. No meeting in January, and April is the 10<sup>th</sup> because the prior week is spring break.

**Public Comment:** they can bring up comments to the board, but we are not able to comment right away on it. We need to discuss first and then comment. Typically no one comes to publicly comment.

**Complaint** that the new tan bark is sharp and cutting the kids, different than the past.

**Crosswalk Duty:** any parent volunteering to do crosswalk duty? No parent help for the crosswalk on Goldenbay at Irisview. But parent help in the morning for the front office crosswalk, so Mimi takes over that crosswalks at 7:55. Did a traffic study but it was found we didn't need another crosswalk person because many of the kids are crossed with an adult. We will keep trying. We do have many points for pick up and drop off, but that means they all need to be manned.

**Sign with name and grade level for cars during pick up:** it is required for kindergarten, but maybe should be required for all cars during pick up.

**Chair person:** we are adjourned at 3:52pm