



Tanque Verde Elementary School

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MINUTES from 3/30/21

Tanque Verde Elementary School Site Council

March 29, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Present: Emma Batty, Sara Birtalan, Julie Laird, Teresa Moe, Lauren Klipp, Mindi Hust, Jenny Cotter, Jim Drexler, Debora DeLong

Absent: Dia Nonaka, Susan Monroe

Agenda: Theresa motion Monica seconded meeting started

- I. Approval of the Agenda- Lauren Klipp motion to accept agenda. Theresa Moe seconded- all in favor
- II. Approval of the Minutes- Monica Shannon motioned to approve minutes. Sarah seconded. All approve
- III. Call to the Audience- none
- IV. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report - Back to 5 days a week. 24% online prior to returning online. Now we have 11% online. We have dedicated online teachers. AZM2 begins next week. Testing in person- paper based. Interviews this week for a 2nd grade opening. Crossing guard opening
 - b. PTG Report-Student Council Report- over \$14,000 raised in the read-a-thon. Really happy considering it started when we were online. Prizes delivered this week.
Kendra Scott fundraiser in April for 20% Egees yesterday. Bahama Bucks and Pizza coming up. Working on Teacher Appreciation week which will be surprises. There are upcoming spirit days for student council. Collecting letters for first responders.
- V. Discussion Items
 - a. Discussion: Alicia Marrano-regarding George Bracamonte Memorial-Update/Timeline- Alicia not present
 - b. Discussion: TVES Mission and Vision - shared the survey with staff and parents. Came up with a draft. Shared the top areas and asked for feedback on the suggested vision statements: Mindi liked #3, Lauren liked #5 because of engaging. Sara suggested engaging encompasses more than just positive. nurturing critically thinking minds in an engaging safe and kind community.
Lauren suggested combining 4 and 5. Sara add critical thinking. Deemphasize the academic achievement. Mrs. Batty pointed out that the key is that we want all students, staff and families to be able to say it. Most agreed to eliminate #1. All seem to agree that engaging is important. If lifelong learning is part of the vision, then critical thinking could become part of the mission. Some combination of 3-5 are the most favored. Suggested to replace positive with engaging.



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VI. Action Items

a. Approval: Bylaws Final Draft 3/30/21

Mrs. Batty shared that the district did not support a change to a consensus model and that our school board and other site councils in the district use Robert's Rules.

Sarah Birtalan requested discussion of a Consensus Building Approach -Sara shared information in the chat and shared that in a Consensus building approach, each person gets to share their concern and allows the minority to have their voice heard. She expressed concern that materials weren't shared ahead of time. Sara described this approach: a facilitator would lead the discussions. It doesn't mean it is all or nothing. People can make a decision with reservations. Someone can say they are willing to step aside and go with the majority. She feels that it is a better approach because it allows everyone's voices to be heard and supports groups discussing all sides of an issue rather than immediately going with the majority. It shows more value to the minority.

Dr. Laird expressed concern that some votes are timely. This group strives for consensus, but in the end there are times when a vote needs to be made.

Mrs. Batty reiterated that she didn't think it appropriate that our site council do something different than the rest of the district.

Mindi Hust requested a motion

Sara Birtalan motioned to amend the bylaws to a consensus voting method.- No second

Lauren motioned to accept as written with the exception of typos Monica Shannon 2nded

Typos that need to be corrected: Site Council needs to be capitalized

Article Section 1 P2 First sentence parent guardian OR community member

Immediate family member OR

community members must reside in the district. There is an A that needs to be replaced.

A2 S 7 filing not filling

Vote 6 yay, and 1 nay Motion passed A few capitalizations that Teresa will send to Susan

VII. Reminders:

- a. Site Council meeting time and place will be posted at least 24 hours in advance
- b. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- c. Please schedule your time to be able to attend the entire Site Council meeting. Each meeting should last approximately one hour. A quorum, your time, and participation are important.



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3. Adjournment Monica Shannon motioned to adjourn, Teresa Moe seconded.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12

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Meeting Dates

2020-2021

All meetings will take place on the first Monday of the Month at 3:00pm. All meeting locations are TBD due to Covid-19 school closures.

Monday, May 10