

MIDVALLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021, 3:30 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Tamra Baker – Principal, Ms. Bresnahan – teacher, Stephanie Williams, Kara Shea, Kemi Sutton, Becca Staker

Yesterday's snow day with virtual learning: parents on the SCC thought it worked well, over 50% of students participated from our school. We were glad our district called a snow day – it was warranted in that weather.

Review status of current TSSP and LAND Trust plan and discuss next year's plans: For the LAND Trust money, the BLT would like to continue with our paraprofessional aides. Discussed attendance as our school's biggest academic concern this school year. Our Acadience testing for grades 1-3 shows 58% are at or above typical progress, and our goal for the end of the year is 60%. This is excellent data and we're so proud of our students and teachers for doing such a remarkable job so far this year. The students missing days of school every week are in the 40% that are not hitting progress targets. Staff are doing some home visits to find families in this gap. We've also seen this year that targeted classroom discussions are helping all students gain more from instruction – including students on both ends of the spectrum. Ms. Baker is happy with the progress she sees from that teaching method.

For the TSSP money, the BLT has talked about some things they had in the budget for this year that couldn't be done due to Covid. That includes after school enrichment programs, Scholastic News, one extra field trip per grade, and materials for our new school's maker space. These purchases will benefit every student and broaden their horizons at school. The SCC members agreed with this direction, so Ms. Baker will bring back a more detailed plan in March for approval. Email Ms. Baker with any comments in the meantime.

Professional development expenditures needed: Discussed providing sub days for science standards exploration and planning by grade teams. We haven't been able to have sub days this year because there haven't been enough substitute teachers, but if we could do it next year it is a huge help to the teachers to focus in on planning, for science in particular.

Trimester shift: only 45 students will remain online after the 3rd trimester begins March 8. Some grades will see class sizes increase. Ms. Baker is hoping to get our third 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Rudelich, back to in-person teaching; otherwise the 3rd grade classes will be very large.

Next meeting March 18, 2021 at 3:30 pm