

Bacich Site Council Meeting Notes

Date: 04 May 2020

Agenda

- 1) SC Norms - Amy Bornstein
- 2) Approve Minutes from March Meeting - Amy Bornstein
- 3) Distance Learning - Amber Hatfield and Mrs. Peck
- 4) Bacich Principal Search Update - Holly Myers

Attendees

Amy Bornstein, Parent, Co-Chair

Sally Peck, Principle, Co-Chair

Holly Myers, Parent

Methinee Bozeman, VP

Marty Ross, Teacher

Katie Stern, Teacher

Ilene Braff, Teacher

Elizabeth Petersen, Teacher

Katy Colwell, Teacher

Christina Chan, Parent

Eric Schafer, Parent

Estelle Dick, Parent

Lisette Fernandez-Hilson, Parent, Secretary

Amber Hatfield, English Learners

Maiya Yamasaki, Counselor

Notes

- 1) Norms Read

- 2) Minutes from April Approved

3) Distance Learning Update - Mrs. Peck

We've started to hit our stride. Lots of progress with the technology, the curriculum and the flow of assignments and Zoom meetings. Some families have decided to opt out of our technology and some have decided to home school until we can be back at school, but most of the families and teachers at Bacich have been giving positive feedback about how things are going now.

Teacher Updates by Grade:

- Kindergarten: Biggest challenge: Finding ways to differentiate our students. For those who need a challenge and those who are struggling with the content. That's harder via distance learning. We're working on adapting the learnings with the families.
- 1st Grade: We've gotten into a good rhythm and we've been really impressed with the level of learning the kids have been getting.
- 2nd Grade: We are trying to add more projects and more creativity so as to inspire learning at all levels and for all kids.
- 3rd Grade: Very similar to K - 2nd Grade and we are also asking kids and parent to prioritize if the workload becomes too much. The Blog is really popular for our grade level and we are feeling like we are in so much more of a groove than when we last met.
- 4th Grade: Same as what everyone else has pretty much said and we've gotten much more efficient with the assignment planning for the week as teachers as well. We have settled on 3 Zoom meetings a week and on Wednesdays are mini-lessons which we would like to be mandatory for all students. 4th Grade actually started out with less (as opposed to Kinder) and now we have more assignments and assignments that are a lot more structured and we are trying to leave a lot of comments and feedback so that the kids can see what we are doing. But we are noticing that some of the kids aren't doing their work in detail and we are trying to figure out what the balance is between reaching out to parents and students to be more consistent in the quality of the work being turned in.
- Specialists: We continue to make videos and add to our websites and blogs. We've added specialists zoom office hours and that's been well received.

Parent Feedback: Is there a way to do more teaching with zoom? Teacher answer: It's hard to teach via zoom b/c not all kids are on the Zoom meetings so we've tried to do more videos.

Parent Feedback: Can we put the schedule of the specialists on the weekly lesson plan? Teacher answer: Great idea.

4) School Counseling Update - Maiya Yamasaki

Kids are taking a lead from their parents. Kids that are nervous and frustrated are usually seeing their parents frustrated, etc.

The CPS referral rate has dropped 60% which is scary b/c the kids aren't coming to school.

Parents have reached out for parental advice and counseling, which has been challenging to council kids through their parents.

My website has been revamped and has a ton of resources for parents.

Please check it out if you need help. And, as always, you can reach out to me.

Parent question: How can we create interaction with friends/loved ones that goes beyond 2D interaction. How can parents help facilitate interactions between friends to create normalcy?

Maiya: Social/emotional tools like the ones being taught in some classrooms is amazing. Safe distance "hellos" at the end of driveways,

bike rides, etc. Have your child write a letter and start a pen-pal relationship with someone.

Important to keep in mind that kids are at all kinds of different social and emotional levels.

5) Bacich Principal Update - Holly Myers

Mary Ann Spencer has been elected as our new Bacich Principal. Check out the update in the KSD newsletter. We are all excited to have her. Her official start date is July 1. Mrs Peck official last day is June 30th. There will be a virtual transition between Mrs Peck and Mrs Spencer in several different events. Dates TBD and notice to come in the KSD Newsletter as well.

6) Book Drive

There are books left over from the book drive. If you'd like to email Mrs Peck, she'd be happy to meet people at school for distribution.

7) Site Council Elections

We would like to encourage the community to step forward and fill the openings for next year. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs Peck or Amy Borenstein.

8) School Starting In July Option

The Governor has discussed starting in July but it won't happen in Kentfield. Our calendars have already been set and voted on by the union. Aug 25th will be the first day of school. Planning has just started happening for next year.

9) Report Cards

Report Cards will be coming from teachers in June. More personal report card with comments only, no grades.