

**Bacich Elementary Site Council
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 11, 2017, 3pm**

Attendees

Sally Peck, Principal
Katie Ward, Assistant Principal
Jen Wallen, teacher
Victoria Denson, teacher
Brittnee Gonzalez, teacher
Isabella Fanning, teacher
Marty Ross, teacher
Davina Goldwasser, parent
Kari Canon, parent
Kathryn Supinski, parent
Lauren Vaughn, parent
Alisa Rubel, parent
Christina Chan, parent
Amy Wheeler (parent at-large)

Election of New Site Council Members

Committee formally elected new parent representatives, Kari Canon and Christina Chan, to Site Council.

Discussion of Documents Related to Site Council

Ms. Peck distributed documents for review and discussion, including the following:

1. Site Council By-Laws, revised
2. Characteristics of an Effective School Site Council
 - a. Ms. Peck said the primary responsibilities of the Bacich Site Council is two-fold, (1) to promote school and student safety, and (2) to promote student achievement. Ms. Peck clarified that the Bacich Site Council does not have a budget, though schools have the option of creating budgets for them. She said the decision was made to maximize funds for classrooms.
3. Kentfield School District (KSD) Strategic Plan, Highlights
4. Site Council Member Roster and School Year Meeting Dates
5. Bacich School Parent Handbook
 - a. Ms. Peck asked for feedback on the Kindergarten Playground rules, as they were changed for the 2017-2018 school year. To promote student safety, children are limited in the time they are permitted to play in the Kindergarten playground. Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the Kindergarten lot is closed until 2:20pm every school day except Wednesday, when it is open after dismissal. Ms. Peck said in years past, large numbers of kids are in the Kindergarten playground after school, some without supervision. Kids had been getting hurt, with some kids breaking arms and hitting heads. Also, Marin Enrichment, which

rents the playground from the school, reported it is hard to monitor students among all the kids that play there.

- b. Ms. Goldwasser said new rules discourage parents from getting to know one another, which typically happens at morning drop-off. Further, she said the Kindergarten playground is highly convenient for parents with dual pick-ups, when their other child is dismissed at 2:20 or later. She expressed a desire to work with the school to find options that address family needs.
 - c. Recognizing that kids arrive early to school, Ms. Peck said the Kindergarten classrooms are testing a “soft start” by opening classroom doors at 8am to encourage kids to read books and otherwise have quiet time to help kids get physically and mentally ready for the start of the school day.
 - d. Ms. Peck and Ms. Rubel suggested creating a subcommittee to include parents and school staff, to discuss options for the Kindergarten playground. Ms. Goldwasser and Ms. Wheeler volunteered as parent representatives. The group agreed to meet before the next Site Council meeting.
6. Local Control Accountability Plan and Annual Update (LCAP) Highlights
- a. Ms. Peck detailed some of the take-aways from the LCAP. She said standardized testing for the previous school year showed achievement gaps for English-language learners, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities. Additionally, she said the LCAP showed an ongoing need for furthering teacher expertise in differentiation to address all students’ needs.
7. Bacich Elementary School Accountability Report Card, Data from 2015-16
- a. Ms. Goldwasser clarified that blank spaces in the report card indicate that the sample size was too small to report results. She said the school is aware of the data, but that the data are not summarized in the report card.

Next Meeting, October 9, 3pm, Bacich Library

Ms. Rubel requested that the agenda for this meeting include a presentation on updates to the Bacich Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Program. Ms. Peck said the school invested in new SEL content from the Institute for Social and Emotional Learning (IFSEL) to complement the existing SEL program, including Character Counts and the Responsive Classroom, among other things. She said all Bacich teachers participated in a 1-day IFSEL training during the summer. She said IFSEL would conduct a Parent Education event this school year.