

**Bacich Elementary Site Council
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018**

Attendees

Sally Peck, Principal, Co-Chair
Kari Canon, parent, Co-chair
Lauren Vaughn, parent, Co-chair
Lisette Fernandez-Hilson, parent member
Amy Bornstein, parent member
Christina Chan, parent member
Scott Hershman, parent member
Holly Myers, parent member
Donalyn Hellar, parent
Victoria Denson, teacher
Brittnee Gonzalez, teacher
Marty Ross, teacher
Jen Wallen, teacher
Annalyn Chargualaf-Peluso, parent

Construction update

Mark, Construction Superintendent, provided an update on the status of the construction. As of the date of the meeting, the construction company is working on building the footing and pouring concrete. The goal is to have the final concrete pour before Thanksgiving. A council member asked whether or not there has been unexpected delays. Mark noted that there was a delay due to design specifications regarding the building slab which needed further clarification. In addition, PG&E assistances was needed which caused further delay due to their availability. However, construction is back underway now and anticipate no changes to the move-in date next summer. Ms. Bornstein enquired about fumes associated with the paint, especially with the classrooms facing the construction area. Mark noted that California tends to be a leader in green initiatives. Low VOC paint will be used which is not dangerous to breath.

Site Council discussed the Questions & Answers that were available on the Bacich website. Ms. Fernandez-Hilson recommended adding questions & comments regarding timeline of project. Ms. Myers suggested adding a graphic on the home page showing updates, such as 'concrete getting poured this week'. Ms. Peck concluded the update session noting that she attends weekly status meetings and will continue to remain abreast of any changes to the timeline.

Green Team & Marin Sanitary Update

The student Green Team at Bacich is led by Lisa Meagher. Green Team members are from 2nd to 4th grade, and leaders from each grade are chosen to help with various initiatives. Two students, Rosie Sminoff and Charlotte, from the Green team presented to the Site Council. Rosie & Charlotte shared with the group, why they enjoy being on the Green team and their contributions to the Bacich community. Members of the Green team also presented at the recent school assembly in November on 'no waste'. Bacich is part of the Zero Waste Marin Schools Program which means adopting the goal of Zero Waste by 2025, though Ms. Meagher encourages everyone to work towards meeting this goal before 2025.

Casey Fritz, from Marin Sanitary presented to Site Council As Bacich is part of the Zero Waste Marin Schools Program, a waste audit was conducted on September 2017 and May 2018. Ms. Fritz noted that the initial audit showed approximately 63% of the trash being accurate sorted but as of the end of the year, 96% of the trash was accurately sorted. The amazing stride towards zero waste was due to various

initiatives but more importantly, the passion and leadership of the staff and students. An initiative this year was to give reusable bamboo utensils to 3rd and 4th graders, which the students labelled with their names. Ms. Meagher noted that very few, if none, of these utensils have been left in the lunch area after lunch.

Next year, Kent Middle School will be moved on to the Zero Waste Marin Schools Program. Next step for Bacich will include ensuring the field has similar accurate sorting by communication with Little League and the great community, and investigation options to reduce the landfill waste that Bacich still has, including milk cartons and plastic utensils

Overview of safety drill

To defer to next meeting in order to gather feedback from all parties involved.

Discuss upcoming parent/teacher conferences – Sally Peck

Ms. Peck noted that parent/teacher conference sign up have opened up. This year, the school is using a new online system and no issues have been brought to her attention. There was a question as to why there are no formal parent/teacher conference in the spring. Ms. Peck emphasized that parents & teachers should be connecting regularly if there are any concerns and should not be waiting for conference time. Bacich has not had formal spring parent/teacher conference for the last few years. As background, the school has teaching minute requirements and when there are conferences, the school is on minimum days. If there were conferences scheduled, it is likely the school may not be able to meet teaching minutes requirements. Report cards are released in March and serves as another touch base point with parents. Site Council disused the value of having spring conferences and alternative methods for parents-teachers to touch base on goals that were set at the November meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2018, 3pm, Bacich Library.