

**Bacich Elementary Site Council
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018**

Attendees

Sally Peck, Principal, Co-Chair
Methinee Bozeman, Assistant Principal
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
Isabella Fanning, teacher
Brittnee Gonzalez, teacher
Marty Ross, teacher
Jen Wallen, teacher
Kathleen Helmer, Safe Routes

Approval of Minutes

Committee formally approved the minutes of the Site Council meeting held on September 2018.

Safety plan – Methinee Bozeman

We have been practicing individual drills since the beginning of school, eg. fire drill, lockdown drill, earthquake drill. Full evacuation scheduled for October 18, 2018. Paul Miller, Director of Facilities, and Ms. Bozeman has walkthrough the campus and has updated the evacuation routes to reflect the ongoing construction at the school. There are six teams that are part of the evacuation drills: Search & Rescue, First Aid, Gate, Student Release, Student Supervision, and Security. The upcoming full evacuation will be communicated to parents via the Weekly Bulletin.

Safe Routes – Kathleen Helmer

Ms. Helmer presented on Safe Routes, which is funded by local Marin county & student coalition. It is volunteer based & routes were recently updated in August 2018. The next Rock & Roll date is scheduled for October 10. The Committee is currently low on volunteer. Open positions are Neighborhood Captain and Campus-Event Day volunteers. Safe Routes receives and handles request, for example, this year, crossing guard were added at Manor Road and Stadium Way.

BIG classrooms presentation – Room 29 and 30 teachers

Ms. Peck discussed one of the leading practices in education today which involves “team teaching” that is currently being implemented at Bacich in 2nd & 3rd grade. As such, Ms. Peck invited Ms. Lindsay Zerzan

& Ms. Cass Walsh, the team teachers for 2nd grade, and Katy Colwell & Jenna Maioriello, the team teachers for 3rd grade for a panel discussion. The teachers discussed the benefits of having two teachers in the classroom such as being able to collaborate ideas between themselves, modelling teamwork to the children, and being able to better focus on children who need extra attention. Ms. Cannon asked if the energy level significantly differs from a smaller classroom and the teachers responded that when expectations are set at the beginning of the year, children will respond and raise up to those expectations. Based on their teaching experience, they do not find that the energy level differ from smaller classrooms that they have taught in prior years. The teachers also discussed the new furniture in the classroom which are part of the new teaching strategy. Feedback at this meeting was positive*. The teachers were asked what the biggest challenge has been and the teachers responded that planning is much more critical compared to single teacher classrooms.

*This does not reflect all site council members opinions regarding larger classrooms.

Construction update and questions/comments – Sally Peck

Update from last meeting – suggestions from last meeting were implemented: construction fence will be closed during pick up & drop off; and new pathway has been created in the main lot. Ms. Peck provided an update on the construction - the rebar has been laid and they will be pouring concrete this week. Construction has been delayed due to soil condition.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2018, 3pm, Bacich Library