

## **Bacich Elementary Site Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 2, 2019**

#### **Attendees**

- 1) SC Norms - Amy Bornstein
- 2) Approve Minutes from November Meeting - Amy Bornstein
- 3) Green Team Update - Lisa Maher
- 4) Bacich School Counseling Program - Maia Yamasaki
- 5) Strategic Plan Update - Sally Peck

#### **Attendees**

Amy Bornstein, Parent, Co-Chair  
Sally Peck, Principle, Co-Chair  
Holly Myers, Parent  
Bozeman, VP  
Marty Ross, Teacher  
Katie Stern, Teacher  
Jordana Fransblau, Reading Teacher  
Ilene Braff, Teacher  
Elizabeth Petersen, Teacher  
Katy Colwell, Teacher  
Farah Maisonneuve, Teacher  
Chelsea Murawski, Parent  
Christina Chan, Parent  
Eric Schafer, Parent  
Scott Hershman, Parent  
Maia Yamasaki, Counselor

Estelle Dick, Parent

Lissette Fernandez-Hilson, Parent, Secretary

## **Notes**

### **1) Norms Read**

### **2) Minutes from November Approved**

### **3) Green Team – Lisa Maher and Mahyer Egan (4th grader at Bacich)**

Mrs Peck: This is our 2nd year of the Marin Zero Waste and we want to acknowledge Lisa Maher (one of our paraprofessionals) who has taken the initiative to motivate the student body and the staff. Thank you, Lisa.

Lisa: We are up to 92 kids (2nd through 4th grade). Every week, we schedule 3 kids and they help kids understand where to put their waste. Containers are still a challenge for waste - anything that is reusable. "Think before you throw!" Is our mantra. Please remember: If you are participating in the prep for holiday parties: PLEASE USE RECYCLE-FRIENDLY PARTY SUPPLIES.

Mahyer: This year, we received the Silver Award from Zero Waste this year. The award ceremony considered Kindergarten - High School and schools from each district participated. Mason Mckinnies and Jack O'Brien were also in attendance. While we were at the award ceremony, we found out about Teracycle - we are looking into see if we should work with them. We won \$500 from the award so the Green Team will determine how that is spent to benefit the school.

Other comments: Green Tips (kids helping to remind other kids). We want to see the marker recycle program continue. Still getting help educating our community who is on-campus during after-hours to put waste in the correct areas.

### **4) Bacich Counselor Program – Maia Yamasaki**

I've been a counselor at Bacich for 7 years. Over 700 sessions with students this year alone. My work includes the following: Crisis management, small group counseling, classroom support, referrals/consultations, teacher collaboration and interventions, SST/504/IEP/SOC meetings, collaboration with Kent, to name a few.

We also use Kimochi, new student socials, character counts program and diversity inclusion, mindfulness and the buddy system to engage with students here at Bacich. And this year, we enacted a conflict resolution tool called the Peace Path.

Common themes at Bacich/Thing I see the most often: Kids are under pressure to perform and are over-scheduled and they are stressed out/experiencing anxiety.

The district says that I can see a child 4-6 times before needing to refer them out for counseling.

DIS Counseling: Direct Instructional Services is counseling for kids who have an IAP and is available through the special education program through Tina Perdices. Jewish Family Services and Apple Family Works may offer programs for free.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP: Please reach out to Maya and she can direct you appropriately.

### **5) Strategic Plan Update - Mrs Peck**

In mid-November, a subcommittee met to create a one-sheeter to compile all of the work that was done at the offsite Strategic Plan October. 7 areas were highlighted at we should have a plan around those 7 focus areas by early 2020. Some of the focus areas are: Funding model for other districts; Culture of bold thinking; Eliminate the achievement gap; Connecting to the community, Diversity as an asset and a promise, Adaptable and flexible student needs.

Housekeeping:

No Site Council meeting in January. Next meeting will be Monday, Feb 3rd.

If you are interested in staffing the community garden at Bacich, please let Raina Sobel know ASAP.

We'll have an update on how the search for the superintendent is going in Feb.