Hilden Elementary School

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2024 at 6:30pm (Virtual)

**Attendees:**

* Alison Read, School Representative
* Sarah Densmore, School Representative
* Brian Lester, Parent
* Jenn White, NSGEU Representative

**Regrets:**

* Becky Brown, Parent
* Shawna Fraser, Parent
* Lindsay Shelley, Parent

| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action Items** |
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| 1. Review of Minutes
 | Minutes available from the previous meeting.  | Sarah - Will continue to take minutes and distribute |
| 1. Budget
 | Funding has been secured* Some funding will be set aside for school supplies (so that families do not have the financial burden of school supplies)
* Generally use some funding for extracurricular activities
* Could we consider: school shirts, headphones?
 | Alison - Will seek SAC approval for spendingAlison - Will look into school shirts (what would be the best way to order and distribute?)Brian - Will look for sales on headphones through work |
| 1. SSP
 | SSP Goals: * Overarching Goal: Flexible grouping; whole and small group as well as individual instruction
	+ Gradual release from smaller group interventions back to whole group interventions
	+ Teachers have been meeting with mentors to learn new strategies
1. Literacy: 4/5/6s are focusing on writing
	1. Students are demonstrating their learning from phonics interventions
2. Math: Focus on visualization (new initiative)
	1. Encouraging students to use visualization daily in math; using cuisenaire rods as part of this
3. Well-being: Salad bar event to be held in the spring
 | Alison - Will provide ongoing information related to SSP goals as available |
| 1. Elections
 | Unable to complete elections due to low attendanceWill consider elections in the Spring so that everything is ready to go in the Fall when things are busy* Whole group discussion about strategies to increase attendance at SAC meetings
 | All - Not enough members to complete election tonight* Election will be completed when there is adequate representation at a meeting
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| Round Table | Consider sending home a pamphlet with information about SAC (to try to recruit more members)* Need ~6-7 members to complete official business
* Inquired about holding Home and School and SAC meetings on the same night (to allow members to stay for both meetings); however, there is the risk of overlap between the two groups so this is not a recommended approach

Report Cards: Reporting for second term will be happening soon | Alison - Will try to locate an existing pamphlet on SAC to distribute to parents/caregiversNo action item |
| Home and School | Ongoing work on fundraising efforts for playground upgrades | Alison - Will provide updates from Home and School as needed |
| Adjournment | 7:02pm |

Next Meeting: To be determined