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 spending  Alison - 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 attendance  Will 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 |
| 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/caregivers  No 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