

# MINUTES

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 19, 2024 6:04 pm | Meeting called to order by Melanie Stern

### In Attendance

Mrs. Danowski, Dr. Gjini, Melanie Stern Jessica Esposito, Yamilette Ronda-Velez, Lena Rink, Samantha Koonce, Naomi Davila, Kristen Simpson, Ariane Wilson, and Jodi Watkins

### Approval of Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

### Principal's Update

- Melanie voted in our last two voting members, Laura Chiara and Ariane Wilson. The 24/25 school year voting members are as following:
  1. Kristen Simpson
  2. Melanie Stern
  3. Jessica Esposito
  4. Naomi Davila
  5. Yami Ronda-Velez
  6. Brooke Epstein
  7. Samantha Koonce
  8. Lena Rink
  9. Laura Chiara
  10. Ariane Wilson
- Dr. Gjini addresses the safety concerns from this week with the shelter in place. A call came in from the District and as an overabundance of safety the school was put on a shelter in place due to a threat a Haile middle school. Dr. Gjini reiterated that safety is their main concern.
  - A concern came up with the safe rooms outside for PE or recess and if it's a closet outside, can we get air conditioning or fan?
  - Shelter in place is when students can still function in the classroom but cannot roam around the classroom. Can happen if police are looking for someone, animal, etc.
  - The school does practice both shelter in place and lockdown.
  - It was addressed in the event there are subs in the classroom and do they know the protocol.
- Enrollment update:
  - Enrollment has gone from 567 to 724.
  - With growth comes the need of qualified teachers, we need to an ASD and a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Veteran's Day Ceremony at 9am.

**Parent Feedback:**

- How are the teachers being supported with the increased class size?
  - With the growth so quickly, the materials were not all available, however, all materials have now arrived and with students.
  - Teachers now have planning days as a whole and have a sub with their class. The overall feedback is great from the teachers.

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**Next Meeting**

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Tuesday, October 15, 2023, 6:00 pm - Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie Stern at 7:04 pm with a unanimous 2<sup>nd</sup>.