

Morningside SCC Minutes
February 25, 2022

In attendance: (in person) Anne Reese, Lauren Anderson, Laura Cannon, Shayna Barney, Liz Sagers, Jennifer Whitlock, (online) Shannon Fischio, Andy D'Aquisito, Dona Christensen-Guin, (non SCC members) Drew Quinn, Stefanie Musy-Verdel, Allison Gosch

Welcome, Call to Order

Approval of January minutes

Motion: Jennifer Whitlock, *Second:* Anne Reese

Follow up Business

Snack Survey (Dona Christensen-Guin)

How will the survey be distributed? Anne will draft a brief online survey and distribute it to Council members before emailing the general school population.

What should it include? Should be brief. Discussed--Do we want to differentiate between occasions for snacks, ie Birthday vs. Holiday vs. Teacher Incentive? Decision made to allow Anne to work on wording as she assembled it, with an eye to clarity/length.

Report on Safe Walking Routes Survey (Stefanie Musy-Verdel)

Stephanie reviewed the results of last year's survey, and the action items she has undertaken since then. The intent of the survey was to identify impediments to our school population walking/biking to and from school more, with the hope that more non-vehicular transportation would alleviate congestion and traffic safety concerns.

- The SCC thanked Stefanie for her extraordinary effort to understand/organize/take action on this item
- Please see separate document ("Efforts to Reduce Congestion Around Morningside Beyond Traffic Flow") for substance of Stefanie's presentation
- Items discussed beyond presentation handout—
 1. (Andy) Not all "Safe Routes" are safe, due to hazards not evident on mapping
 2. Park and Stride Program
 - (Shayna) Is there a liability issue if the school helps to organize walking carpools from an off-campus location? Anne will check.
 - Can the Park and Stride information be added to the school traffic video? Anne will follow up.

-Student Council will encourage this at an April function

3. Student Council will advertise/promote/provide incentives for regular walking programs
4. Would a PTA directory help families connect for carpooling?

New Business

Needed 2021-2022 Budget Reallocation (Anne Reese)

Review 2021-22 budget, for reference. Some money allocated for replacement of G5 or older Chromebooks was provided by a grant. SCC monies should be spent down to within 10% of provided funds; we should not leave unspent more than \$7300. We need to spend approximately \$10,000 to get to this margin.

Ms. Reese proposes doing so by purchasing leveled readers for small groups. Purchase will be linked to Continual Improvement Plan Goal #1 (Literacy).

Review of literacy needs/goals under CIP.

Review of 2020-2021 End-of-Year DIBELS testing results and 2021-2022 Mid-Year DIBELS testing results. Decreases noted in nearly all grade levels, with decreases greater than would typically be expected when comparing the two time frames.

Motion to vote on reallocation to purchase readers: Jennifer; Second: Laura

Voting unanimous to approve purchase

Discuss Budget Allocations for 2022-2023

Review 2021-2022 budget, for reference.

Address potential paraeducator staffing needs for next year, including the desirability of adding a math-focused paraeducator.

Ms. Reese presented an anonymous teacher survey regarding Tanner Dance. Most teachers are enthusiastic, though some report downsides including loss of instructional time, difficulty with student buy-in (larger issue in older grades?), requirement that teachers attend with their classes, and one TD teacher who did more demonstration than participation. Discussion as to whether we could provide feedback on that teacher/request specific musicians from TD. Brief discussion of whether other arts programs would be available to the school; none are so broad as those through TD or BTS. SCC prefers to keep TD, while providing feedback to the program about instruction.

Meeting Adjourned