

Oak Grove Leadership Council Minutes
May 26, 2021

Present: Mary Kaufmann, Kathryn Mason, Katie Wilson, Corey DiMario, Tara Davis, Grace Freeman, Jaimie Scanlon, Tim Maciel, John Atkison, Mark Speno (GSS principal), Maureen Gallagher (GSS parent)

Information from Green Street School LC/PTO

Mark Speno and Maureen Gallagher discussed the process that GSS went through when combining their Leadership Council with the existing PTO.

MS: Described the process used at Green Street:

- *Principal reports to PTO things that are happening & the why behind those projects/plans
- *Collect feedback & parent input
- *PTO was already a strong group, could be used as an advisory group
- *At LC meetings fundraising and activities are discussed but the work for that happens outside of the meetings

MG: Shared how the process has worked for Green Street

- *Hearing principal updates & open discussion is eye-opening to hear what teachers do during the day
- *Get ideas flowing about community building
 - Ask: What do the kids need? What does the school need?
- *Core group of parents/families who always show up and others who want to be a part of the process when they can
- *Create an LC agenda with one bullet focused on PTO & Fundraising/Committees
- *No formal roles, collaborative for everyone who wants to be involved

There was interest among the group for combining the two groups as many of the same families are on both the LC and the PTO.

Kathryn shared that in Dummerston there is a room parent who comes to the meetings and they are representative of the families' perspective for the class they are assigned.

Due to the time and further discussion needed we did not vote on merging the two committees. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting

Agenda for next meeting:

School update
LC Summit update (Tim)
ESSER 3 update
LSY update
Merger with PTO vote