

Oak Grove Leadership Council
Minutes

April 28, 2021

Present: Laura Haskins, Tim Maciel, Kathryn Mason, Grace Freeman, Tara Davis,
Summer Burch, Katie Wilson, Mary Kaufmann

Call to order: 5:05 pm

II. School Update

MK shared out several topics:

*SBAC for remote students is taking place on Wednesdays. Today was the first day, kids were excited to be back in the building and see their peers in person.

Testing went smoothly, from 8:30-11:00

*SBAC for in person students will begin in May

More information will be sent to families once the schedule is finalized.

TM asked about the purpose of SBAC this year, and the impact on students, noted a conversation that was had in NE Kingdom around the effects on students

GF shared that the state did not have a choice

MK noted that standardized tests are tied to federal funding

TM asked MK about thoughts on SBAC testing

MK: they are one measure we use to identify how students are doing academically. We look a number of different measures to ensure students are getting what they need. We also look at growth for individual students.

*5th Grade students participated in the First Annual Earth Day Essay Contest put on by the Attorney General of Vermont. Madison R. won a visit for the school with the Attorney General for participating.

*New guidance has been put out regarding end of year celebrations. We will work through the guidance and send out plans as they are formed.

III. Board Update

TM share out several topics:

*School presentations have been the highlight of board meetings

Green Street and Dummerston presented on Tuesday

Demonstrated the work that has been done in person and remotely.

One parent shared their positive experience with remote learning and TM raised the question: How to we include what kids need (remotely) while also providing them with in person learning next year?

*It came up during the presentation that Tier 2 & 3 instruction was not taking place as it had in the past. TM asked what was the reason for that?

MK: Academic Support Teachers were used for remote classrooms. Teachers were creative in finding ways to provide Tier 2 & 3 opportunities within the classroom.

*ESSER Funds

TM: are principals involved in the planning?

MK: yes, we meet weekly as a recovery team to discuss plans.

TM: some of the funds will be used to help with the Academy Project. That project is to replace the existing modular building with classrooms attached to the school building.

TM: reminded people to vote for the project.

*Two items in legislation that the board has been following:

Pupil Weighting Study & the Teachers' Pension Fund

*Approved funding for Head Start & Early Head Start

*Honored Tom Yahn who passed away

Connection to Oak Grove, he was a neighbor and connected to GM's husband.

Tough loss for the greater community

IV. New Business

a. Leadership Council

*Need to send names of interested people to the board for nomination to the leadership council

*Discussion around dates of board meeting: Now 2nd and 4th Tuesday

*OG PTO could move back to 3rd Tuesday

*Question raised about combining PTO and Leadership Council

MK: will talk to Mark Speno (GSS) and see if a member of their Leadership Council/PTO could come to the next OG meeting to discuss how they run their meetings

KW asked about the purpose of Leadership Council and wanted to have more information sent out to families so they understood what they would be joining

MK will type something up and share with TD to read over

MK will share information in Newsletter, Remind, Email, Facebook, & Website

*Names provided for Leadership Council for next year:

Grace Freeman, Corey DiMario, Tara Davis

*Date/time voted on for next two Leadership Council Meetings

4th Wednesday

In Favor: CD, GF, LH, KM, TM

Abstain: SB, MK

Time: **5:00 pm**

Discussion:

KW: 5:00 or earlier might mean parents cannot attend, they are working

CD: not all parents work 9:00-5:00

MK: doodle poll was sent out and this was the time the majority of people chose

Vote to keep time at 5:00 until end of school year

In Favor: CD, GF, LH, KM, TM

Opposed: SB

Abstain: MK

- b. Information for Tim to bring to board:
 - *GF: it was not clear whether or not students would be back in school 5 days or not. Could that be sent to families soon?
 - *MK: noted Wednesdays were being used for SBAC so it was unlikely that students would come back with just a few weeks of school left.

- c. Other Topics
 - *Questions regarding new guidelines and end of the year activities
 - *MK: will meet with Nurse Rose to discuss possible changes based on the latest guidance around end of year celebrations.
 - *GF: thanked staff for hard work this year and noted her student still loves coming to school despite all the changes
 - *KW: Missing the sense of community that has always been strong at Oak Grove, loss of intergenerational opportunities.
 - *KM: shared about the mentor program & how we have adapted to make that work this year