

Cumberland School Site Council

Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 28, 2023

TIME: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Front Office Conference Room

Present: Laurie Carlson, Jen Gray, Sara Grassman, Gretchen Gabriel, Jing Mao, Derek Grouell, Siva Hari

Absent: Uday Vallamsetty

Ms. Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

Members introduced themselves and shared something they love about Cumberland, an opportunity, and why they wanted to get involved with SSC.

- a. Love the diversity of the school. (Sara Grassman)
- b. Love the teachers - experienced and caring; more project-based programs - learning by doing (Jing Mao)
- c. Love the Cumberland community - great vibes. Wants to help where can. (Jen Gray)
- d. Loves the culture of kindness at our school - the Cougar Code is lived out. An opportunity - outreach to even more families who we maybe don't see as often. Wants to continue the work from the last 2 years (Gretchen Gabriel)
- e. New to the school, daughter just joined kindergarten. Learning many things. Daughter is so excited to come to school - she used to struggle to get up in the morning. Not any more. Likes the welcome messaging/picnic to get oriented. Opportunity - how new families use the Great Schools ratings to decide on public versus private. Helpful to have What's App parent group. (Siva Hari)
- f. Loves that peers who knew of Cumberland recommended the school, so made a pointed effort to attend. Diversity, communication, loved 4th grade teachers - new last year. Wanted to get involved - students have IEPs/504 plans...willingness of the school to support children's needs. Wants to continue to support the school - whether supporting more programs. (Derek Grouell)

1) Review and approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: [7-SSC_MeetingMinutes_05-01-23](#)

- a. Ms. Carlson moved, Sara seconded. Motion passed. Minutes approved and will be posted on the website.

2) Review of bylaws; appointment of chair; recording secretary sign up

- a. Mrs. Gabriel moved to appoint Ms. Carlson as chair. Seconded by Ms. Gray. Motion carried.
- b. Clarification from bylaws - if a member is not able to continue - committee appoints a replacement. As Uday V. did not attend and did not attend regularly last year, the committee will appoint a replacement. Members agreed that Ms. Carlson will first approach the applicant with the 3rd most votes from the Spring election. If not interested or available, then she will reach out to those recommended by current SSC members.
- c. Mrs. Gabriel suggested that this year could be a good time to revisit the bylaws and propose revisions. She offered to take a first pass and bring possible revisions to the next meeting.
- d. Members signed up for dates to take turns as recording secretary.

3) Principal Update

- a. Ms. Carlson explained that the principal update would be her review of the 2023 School Plan For Student Achievement (SPSA)
- b. Ms. Carlson explained what the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is and reviewed and took input on the site SPSA. ▣ SPSA Review SSC 8/28/23 Cumberland
 - i. Member input:
 1. Question about parents supporting student learning at home/homework.
 2. Panorama Survey - consider giving a higher percentage rate of return than internal goal...to inspire higher response (Goal: 93% versus internal 30%)

4) Review and Gather Input on School Safety Plan

- a. Did not have time for this agenda item. Move to future meeting.

5) Input for next agenda/Community input

- a. Traffic safety
- b. Revision suggestions to bylaws
- c. School Safety Plan Review and Input

Next meeting:

DATE: October 2, 2023

TIME: 3pm-4:00pm

LOCATION: Office Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Laurie Carlson

Meeting Minutes Approved on: 10/2/23