

Cumberland School Site Council
Meeting Minutes
Date 05-04-20 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Teleconference Via Zoom

Present: Laurie Carlson, Cynthia Spinella, Melissa Bennett, Emily Tripiano, Shelli Zuccato, Doug Kunz, Ron Guay, Kathleen D'Silva

1) Review and approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 2, 2020) Laurie Carlson moved, Emily Tripiano seconded. Motion passed - minutes approved.

2) Principal Update

Thank you to all staff and families for rising up and making the most of these challenging times!

Distance learning/school closure: overarching goals have been (esp. initially) about clearing barriers to student **access** to digital learning, then maintaining/re-establishing **connection** socially, emotionally and academically. Academically striving to provide learning continuity and **flexibility** in learning activities that can work in many different home environments, striving to provide some **normalcy** where possible.

School is tracking student engagement and access:

- Cumberland has connected with 100% of families
- Between 97%-99% of students are somewhat or fully engaged in the activities being provided by their teachers

District now in 3rd phase of distance learning. 1st phase was initial stopgap. 2nd re-introduced contact with teachers. 3rd has deepened what is being attempted; goal is to continue to provide quality standards-based learning experiences, while also ensuring the flexibility that our families and staff need during this crisis:

- Weekly assignments are to provide guidance and structure for continued learning; we understand that families need to make it work for their circumstances.
- We are tracking participation for the sake of reaching out to provide support where and when needed, but no one is going to be penalized.
- Similarly, teachers are providing selective feedback on ELA/Math activities to support and encourage engagement and academic growth. Not equivalent to formal grades.
- Over 300 devices checked out – iPads, a few Chromebooks, keyboards, hotspots, etc. 2nd grade parents have had an opportunity to check out keyboards (newly purchased).
- Mrs. Sturm is the lead on connecting with teachers and families to support engagement and access needs (including nutrition needs). She has been

reaching out to support families who had not responded to previous outreach and help identify/address barriers e.g. providing hotspots for those who lack internet access.

Questions/discussion:

- Optional assignments that require printers (tension between quality of lesson where paper-based more appropriate but many families lack printers)
- Balance between motivating kids to do assignments (“this is required”) versus burdening parents who are not able to provide learning support. In any case current assignments are not affecting promotion to next grade level. Factors affecting student ability/inclination to complete assignments include socio-economic factors, how/whether parents are employed and able to support learning, whether kids are receptive or resistant to learning at home rather than at school.

3) Staff Development Grants Update

At March meeting, the SSC approved a request to fund 3 staff members’ attendance at a May 14th one-day workshop through Heinemann PD with Jennifer Serravallo on the topic of “Reading Comprehension Instruction.” This workshop is still being held in virtual format on May 14.

- The cost of this workshop is \$249.00 per person. If you register 3 or more participants at the same time the cost is \$239.00 per person, same as it was live
- Teachers attending will not need substitute teachers so the portion of the budget that would have paid for substitutes could be used to allow additional teachers to attend. Adding 2 teachers puts us at \$1195. We’d need to increase by \$34 to add a 3rd for a total of 6 to attend. Request to increase budget request to NTE \$1450

During discussion SSC members suggested idea to allow potentially yet more teachers to attend since there is additional training budget available and not currently an identified use (the PTA funds lapse with end of PTA Budget Year on June 30--funds in each year’s PTA budget are “use it or lose it”).

Kathleen D’Silva motioned, Shelli Zuccato seconded to increase funds available for attending the May 14 training to be all the remaining available SSC Training funds from PTA. Motion passed.

4) Share updates on School Site Plan for 2020-2021

Principal Carlson provided feedback on suggestions made by SSC members at earlier SSC meetings. Topics covered:

- GOAL 1 STEAM: input to consider adding tech, engineering and art...
 - Feedback on input: We do not currently have assessments to measure, could be something to consider in the future.
- GOAL 2 SEL: consider adding PBIS related action/strategy (Cool Cougar Assemblies and Character Education)

- GOAL 3 ELA/ELD: consider looking at listening data from CAASPP as a possible data point to measure student progress
- GOAL 4 Family Education: input centered around ideas and questions to implement stated actions/strategies
- GOAL 5 Communication/Engagement: consider adding as a measurement tool the reports of receipt from School Messenger and Constant Contact (PTA) email messages
- GOAL 6 Extended Learning Opportunities: No input
- GOAL 7 Prof Development: No input.
 - Potential contract with Inclusion Collaborative being evaluated for professional development on Universal Design for Learning.

5) Update on Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Input and feedback on LCAP goals forwarded to Mala Ahuja (Assistant Superintendent).

Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-56-20 extending deadline for adopting current year LCAP until Dec. 15, 2020 on condition that the governing board of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) adopts a written report to the community that explains the changes to program offerings that have been made in response to COVID-19 school closures.

6) SSC Members for 2020/2021

Continuing (in 1st year of term):

- Ron Guay
- Kathleen D'Silva
- Emily Tripiano

Moving on:

- Melissa Bennett
- Cynthia Spinella
- Shelli Zuccato
- Doug Kunz - in 1st year of term but moving on (will not have a child at Cumberland next year)

7) Input for next agenda/Community Input

- Does anything need to be updated on School Safety Plan based on needs to respond to (or lessons learned from) COVID-19?

Next meeting: September 14, 2020 (Meeting date was changed to August 31st)
3:00-4:00 PM Location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Doug Kunz

Meeting Minutes approved on : 8/31/2020