



**SMS Parent Faculty Club Executive Meeting
Minutes - March 3, 2021 5:00 PM
Via Zoom**

Attendees: Angelique Ball, Daralyn Christensen, Jen Kohl, Audrey Nagle, Teri Stevens, Hope Tompkins, Alfonso M (translator), David T. Gracia, Mariana Alamilla Vanessa Meno, Julie Murrell, Brandi, Crusts de la cue, Mayra Cirigo, Maria M, iPhone

- Call to Order: Angelique Ball @ 5:04 p.m.

Due to a NVUSD district wide Middle School Task Force Redesign meeting scheduled on March 2, the previously scheduled SMS PFC Meeting was rescheduled from March 2 to March 3. The majority the meeting will be to inform parents about the Task Force and their work determining a middle school redesign for the 2022-23 school year. It was announced that Spanish translation was available for tonight's meeting.

- February Minutes were approved: Audrey motioned to approve; Angelique seconded.
- President's Report, Angelique Ball - There was little to report other than Phase Three opened on March 1, allowing four, half days of in-person instruction for students and who choose to attend in person. Super exciting for students to be able to be on campus a bit more regularly. Additionally, we are waiting to learn what the District is planning for high school graduation ceremonies, before determining what SMS's 8th grade graduation will look like. We should hopefully know more this spring.
- Treasurer's Report, Audrey Nagle - Here too there was little to report due to Covid. Audrey reminded participants that PFC financial reports are always available on the PFC website for parents to reference.
 - The current PFC balance is \$48,228.14 and has experienced little activity since the last PFC meeting, however we did receive a \$108 check from the Amazon Smiles program. A nice way to earn money via parents/family signing SMS up as their Amazon Smiles beneficiary when they place an order.

- Lastly, the PFC is looking for a new a tax professional to do the club's taxes. If anyone has a recommendation, please email Audrey at treasurer@smspfc.org.
- Principal's Report, Jennifer Kohl
 - Due to the start of Phase 3, school feels busy, good to have taken the next step.
 - Additionally, SMS English learner students have been diligent in completing ELAC testing to determine their grown and learning. The test provides redesignation for the student when they meet the testing requirements.
 - Jen acknowledged the hard work of the HR department who has been working on getting the SMS staff vaccinated.
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- Middle School Redesign Task Force Presentation – Jennifer Can, SMS Special Education teacher
 - Due to declining enrollment and too many middle schools, approximately 50 people including principals, teachers and parents from Napa's middle schools (Harvest, Redwood, River and SMS) have been working together to create a sustainable solution to the situation. In an effort to determine the best solution, several options are being considered.
 - Information pertaining to the Middle School Redesign, including minutes from past Task Force meetings is available on the District website https://www.nvusd.k12.ca.us/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1515572431566&vdid=i32a2pcxn6azs
 - Additionally, a slide deck of Jennifer's presentation this evening, in both English and Spanish, is available on the SMS PFC homepage under the March 3, 2021 Zoom link.
 - Due to the emotional difficulty and hard work surrounding this project, Jennifer encouraged parents to get informed by viewing past task force meetings online.
 - The Task Force outlined four Guiding Principles the final solution should meet, in addition to making sure diversity and inclusion are addressed:
 - Instructional/program excellence
 - Fiscally responsible and sustainable
 - Quality facilities and facility management
 - Equality and access
 - Current middle school enrollment is at 2,692 and the capacity is 4,710, meaning roughly 2,000 empty seats, equal to one middle school campus.
 - Silverado has deep roots in the Napa community, with staff working there for decades. In fact, Jennifer Kohl is only the school's sixth principal due to the position being held for a long lengths of time by predecessors.

- Statistically, SMS has the highest number of Socio Economically Disadvantaged students (defined as students who qualify for free or reduced lunch) at 68.4%.
 - Thirty percent, equaling 219 SMS students are English Learners.
 - Of the four middle schools, SMS has the highest number of Unduplicated Students at 71.% or 517 students. Unduplicated refers to the number of students who are either socio-economically disadvantage, English Learners, Foster Youth or Homeless. Students are only counted once even if they meet more than one category.
 - Other data presented showed that SMS offers more Electives when compared to two of the other middle schools, and that our Special Education services are stellar, including the Gateway Program.
 - Currently the Task Force has presented four Scenarios:
 - Keep the current configuration of schools (which isn't sustainable)
 - Close one of Napa's four middle schools
 - A combined closure and consolidation of multiple schools
 - Create a K-8 Dual Immersion school at Harvest
 - Two Town Hall Meetings are scheduled so the Task Force can receive community input. The first is Monday, March 8th at 6 pm in English with interpretation services. The second is Tuesday, March 9th at 6 pm in Spanish with interpretation services.
 - It will be beneficial for SMS parents to attend one of the meetings and show a presence in support of our school, as this is the first time the community has been able to comment on the Task Force findings. One way to make the SMS presence known is to add "SMS Parent" where your name would display on the Zoom call.
 - Other ways to show support would be to draft a letter for SMS staff to read during one of the meetings or for the PFC to read a letter in support of the school.
 - Additionally, letters can be sent or emailed to Dana Page, the NVUSD Assistant Superintendent facilitating the task force. Dana's email is dpage@nvusd.org. Mailing address is Napa Valley Unified School District, 2425 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm
 - Next Meeting: SMS PFC Board Meeting, April 6, 6:00PM Via Zoom