

## School Council Minutes

November 13, 2019

Members in Attendance: Andrea Berman, Nicole Bissell, Joshua Brothers, Melanie Peculis, Lori Pacheco, Pam Staney and Sabrina Webb

Members Absent: None

To begin the meeting, we spent a little time getting to know Mrs. Berman and Mr. Brothers who were both absent from our October meeting.

The minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

Mrs. Pacheco followed up with the dismissal concerns brought forth by Melanie Peculis at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Pastore stated that she always encourages parents to pick up CES students first and then come to HER. Staff on duty there know this is the case and are assigned accordingly. Mrs. Pastore also stated that she never sees or hears of students who are upset when they are picked up later than other children. Mrs. Pacheco also spoke to Gary Mason about the difficulty in getting out of Burlingame Road at dismissal time. He stated that when police were on detail there it made it worse as it often cause backups coming up Mugget Hill Road. The police's stand is that they prefer to see the exit occur naturally.

Mrs. Pacheco showed the Literacy Carnival video to the school council. It was the video that would be shown during the school spotlight portion of the November 13<sup>th</sup> school committee meeting. Mrs. Peculis was interviewed for this video and did an outstanding job.

Typically, the CES School Council holds a Butter Braid sale to support technology. Mrs. Pacheco shared that last year's efforts put 40 iPads in the hands of teachers this year. Discussion ensued on whether or not to fundraise and for what improvement to the school. The council decided to continue with the Butter Braid fundraiser and Mrs. Webb is also going to get information about the coffee fundraiser and share it with Mrs. Pacheco. We would utilize the money from both sales for a shade support on the playground as well as supporting replacement and repairs of current technology equipment.

The last portion of our meeting was utilized as a brainstorming session on future goals to use in our next School Improvement Plan. Mr. Brothers suggested a goal related to the Best Buddies program. It was also suggested that a goal be written to support mindfulness. Suggestions for this included kid's yoga. The "Baby Teacher" program was also talked about that Mrs. Pacheco read about and Mrs. Peculis knew of through a video she saw. This program supports teaching empathy.

The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.