

## Minutes of Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting

November 16, 2017

Attendance:

Mrs. Barbara Albright-Community Member  
Mrs. Diana Payne-Parent and Community Member  
Mr. Terry Scammell-Lead Teacher  
Mrs. Katie Lombardo-Teacher  
Mr. Alan Van Cott-Superintendent/Principal

1. Mr. Van Cott called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm and shared a list of the building repairs/projects that have been completed since the end of last school year in June. These included the following:
  - New windows
  - New doors for the supply closet
  - New driveway with Belgium blocks and concrete aprons
  - New plantings in front of the school
  - New step for outside Physical Education shed
  - Screened floors
2. During Superintendent's Conference Day, held on November 7, 2017, the staff explored a new science resource, virtual field trips, teaching strategies, and trimester reporting.
2. One of the main activities of the SDMC for the 2017-18 school year will be the review of the existing SDMC plan and subsequent recommendations to the Sagaponack Board of Trustees for their review and recertification. For this meeting the committee was charged to review pages 1-3, Sections 1, 2 and 3. The committee accepted Sections 1 and 2 (with one small adjustment to punctuation) and entertained a suggestion to develop a Vision Statement that would be placed in the second position. This would be a brief, forward thinking statement that would capture the essence of what we all want for all Sagaponack students. Suggestions for a Sagaponack Vision Statement will be explored at the next SDMC Meeting. For Section 3, a suggestion was made to add a new goal that states the following: To support our students in their development to become productive members of society.
3. A discussion took place regarding our efforts to promote the Sagaponack School to the Sagaponack community. This initiative is designed to inform and educate the Sagaponack community about the many benefits of the Sagaponack School. A brochure, post-card, video clips and social media will be used in this important activity.

4. Mrs. Albright brought up a concern about school safety while referencing an article that she brought to the meeting. From this discussion a recommendation was made that we contact the Southampton police and advise them of the specific times that the children and staff arrive and dismiss from the school along with the times that we go outside for physical education classes and recess. This way, if available, the sector car can be onsite if an emergency situation should arise. We will be sure to make this contact.
5. The next SDMC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018. For this meeting, SDMC members were asked to continue to review the SDMC Plan. Specifically, the bottom of page 3 through the bottom of page 7, Section 4.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.