

**Shared Decision-Making Committee**  
**May 14, 2019**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

Attendance:

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| Ms. Elizabeth Barton | Community Member |
| Ms. Diana Payne      | Parent           |
| Ms. Katie Lombardo   | Teacher          |
| Mr. Terry Scammell   | Lead Teacher     |
| Mr. Alan Van Cott    | Superintendent   |

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Van Cott welcomed everyone to the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SDMC.
- II. **2019-20 School Budget and Board of Elections Voting:** Mr. Van Cott presented information as it related to the 2019-20 school budget and Board of Trustees election. The spending plan represents a decrease in the tax rate for the eleventh year in a row. Special projects including in the budget include building maintenance items, classroom supplies, technology and fire-proof file cabinets for the basement that will hold records that have been archived for future reference. The budget vote and BOT election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:30pm-8:30 pm at the Sagaponack School.
- III. **Sagaponack School Garden:** An update regarding the school garden included the following information: A new Adirondack chair, work station and outdoor thermometer were added to the garden as was some gravel that was placed under the faucet area. Five half wine barrels were donated by the Wolffer Estates and will be filled with soil and berry plants on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> under the direction of Alejandro, from Madoo Conservancy. We are all looking forward to the bountiful harvest that the Sagaponack School garden will hopefully yield in the next month or so.

IV. **Multicultural Movie Night:** Unfortunately, plans to hold a multicultural movie night event were postponed to the 2019-20 school year where a committee of parents will be organized to plan and implement this activity. In its place will be an ice cream social and read-along. This event will be held on the afternoon of Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Prospective students and their parents have been invited to attend this high-interest activity.

V. **Guidance Plan:** New York State has recently passed legislation that requires all public school districts to develop guidance plans that address three specific Domains. These Domains have the following focus areas:

- a. College and Career Readiness
- b. Academic Performance
- c. Social and Emotional Learning

VI. **Q&A:**

A question was raised regarding the broadcast delay that our school cameras may be experiencing. Essentially, what we are watching on the screen may have already taken place. (A follow-up conversation with our District Clerk assured that this was not the case and that what we see on the screen is in real time with no delays.)

VII. **Meeting Adjournment:** With no further business to review, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Van Cott thanked all SDMC members for their willingness to serve on this important committee and extended best wishes to one and all for a most enjoyable summer vacation.

**Thanks again for volunteering to serve on our  
Shared Decision-Making Committee this school year.**