

# Shared Decision Making Meeting (SDMC)

January 18, 2018

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Mrs. Barbara Albright, Community Member  
Mrs. Katie Lombardo, Teacher  
Mr. Terry Scammell, Lead Teacher  
Mr. Alan Van Cott, Superintendent  
Absent...Mrs. Diana Payne, Parent Member

1. Mr. Van Cott called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm and welcomed everyone.
2. At a previous SDMC meeting we discussed our continued concern for the safety of our students and staff as they participated in arrival/dismissal, outdoor recess and physical education (PE) activities. It was recommended that we contact the Southampton Town Police with a listing of the times for these outdoor activities took place during the school day and request that, whenever possible, a police officer be stationed near the school. Mr. Van Cott was pleased to announce that this was done and a police officer has been stationed across from the school on many occasions.
3. The members of the SDMC agreed to include the following Vision Statement in the DRAFT of the new SDMC plan that will be submitted to the Sagaponack Board of Trustees (BOT) before the end of this school year. "Educating our students of today for their world of tomorrow."
4. The committee continued its review of the current SDMC Plan. Members were asked to come to the next meeting with ideas/comments about pages 6 and 7 as we complete this required process.
5. With much excitement and interest, it was announced that if all goes well, the Sagaponack School will be working with the staff at MADOO Conservancy, a local farm, to create a school garden. MADOO will be partnering with Cornell Cooperative to make this dream come to a reality. We thank Mrs. Christina Martin and Mrs. Lauren Weiss, parents of Sagaponack students for all of their efforts related to this latest initiative.
6. The SDMC members reviewed the Professional Development Plan (PDP) and supported it being placed before the Sagaponack BOT at their February BOT meeting.
7. A discussion took place regarding the latest developments with the theme of "Promoting Sagaponack." Upon BOT approval, we entered into a contract with Meredith Kennedy, Creative Director of Acre Arts Inc., to work with us in the creation of promotional materials about the

school to include print and video items. In addition, on February 1, 2018, we will be hosting a special “Meet and Greet” family event where prospective students and their families can learn all about the many benefits of attending our Little Red Schoolhouse. Pizza will be provided and children will participate in a craft activity while parents sit with the staff to learn all about our school.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018 at 2:45 pm.