

# Connery Elementary School

## School Site Council Meeting Agenda

December 6, 2021

**Council Members:** Glenda L. Colon, Liz Dunnigan, Tracey Greenfield, Karen Pierre-Lois, Yesenia Benitez

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#### I. Welcome/Introductions

- Meeting started at 2:32 Monday December 6, 2021
- Attendance:
  - Glenda Colon
  - Karen Pierre-Lois, *Clerk*
  - Liz Dunnigan
  - Cyndi McCleary
  - Tracey Greenfield
  - Hermelinda Lucas
  - Sophia Oquendo
  - Yuli Gutiérrez
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  - Odely Galicia
  - Aracely Aguilon
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  - Clara

#### II. Vote for By-Laws for SSC

#### III. Discuss the Upcoming Book Fair & Ways to Support

- Begins Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> – until Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>
- The fair will be open both during and after school.
- We are looking for parent volunteers during the fair and prior to the fair.
- Allison Vitale sent out a sign-up genius for parents to sign up to help with the book fair.

#### IV. Update on Schoolwide Goals

- Schoolwide focus on Writing
- Families can join Family Huddles being held by teachers via Zoom. These meetings will help families learn how they can support their children with their writing at home. Please look for emails about this and join if you are able.

#### V. Budget Feedback

- The school administration team makes decisions about school funding based on this discussion. We would really appreciate the comments of the family members present about their preferences as to how school funds are prioritized and allocated.

- Communication / Comunicacion
  - Currently using three forms: email, text and robo calls
  - Trying to improve our Connery Facebook page
  - There is also a Parent Facebook page for parents being launched by Karen Pierre-Louis and Elaine Mom
  - Family Huddles are a good step for expanding communication and increasing frequency of communication between teachers and parents.
  - PTO turnout was much improved with the meeting time of 8:30 AM.
- Parent Engagement / Envolucrar Padres
  - Because this meeting is important, we should make phone calls for the meeting. Sometimes emails are forgotten by the time the meeting happens. Also perhaps sending home flyers would be helpful.
  - Coffee hour was great and if we could have more events as time and covid will allow. Continue to increase and share communication around holiday celebration or book fairs etc. If we have them more consistently perhaps more parents will begin to come.
  - The ongoing situation with Covid is a challenge this year because we also want to keep everyone safe but provide appropriate opportunities to gather when possible.
  - How can we support greater attendance at meetings? Would childcare be something that would be useful for families?
  - Childcare sounds like a great idea. With Covid it is important to remember that this might be the best time to implement this. Because of Covid it is important to utilize all types of technology for families; school messenger, zoom, Schoology, email, telephone.
- Academics / Academica
  - SEL focus is also very important for children. Especially after last year being isolated due to remote learning. Also, trauma and/or food insecurity and how those impact on the performance of students both academically and socially.
  - Math is difficult for students when transitioning into new grade level. Students need more support with the tools.
  - Perhaps send a newsletter home with helpful resources. Or do a focus on SEL strategies that families can use at home. Or conversations that families can have with students to help support their social interactions at school
  - Inform parents that the social workers at school provide a role of offering strategies to help students when they are dealing with high emotions and can also provide groups such as “lunch bunch” to help students learn how to act appropriately in social settings.
  - Students enjoy the art club. Perhaps more opportunities for after-school activities such as the art club. Clubs are run by teachers and the offering depends on how many teachers can volunteer their time. This is also a goal of the school to increase the clubs that are offered to students.
  - Motivate parents to participate by providing offering a raffle for attendance.

**Attendance/Sign-In Sheet:**

___ Mrs. Tracey Greenfield, Teacher	___
___ Mrs. Elizabeth Dunnigan	___
___ Ms. Glenda L. Colon	___
___ Karen Pierre-Lois, <i>Clerk</i>	___
___ Yesenia Benit, <i>Communication Liaison</i>	___

**Future Meeting Date:**

January 3, 2022

February 7, 2022

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

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