

## **Sagaponack Common School District**

### **Shared Decision Making Team**

#### **Minutes for Meeting March 14, 2023**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finello at 2:40 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

2. The following members were in attendance

- a. Mr. Finello
- b. Mr. Scammell
- c. Mrs. Lombardo
- d. Ms. Barton
- e. Mrs. Fenwick

3. The Committee approved the minutes from the last meeting dated December 6, 2022.

4. Mr. Scammell updated the committee on the school activities. Currently, the students are participating in yoga with Ms. Kristen on Fridays. The students got to enjoy an afternoon of bowling at the Clubhouse in East Hampton. Dr. Vinski was able to join the students for an afternoon of fun. The Long Island Science Center will be visiting the school and will be doing a project on hovercrafts. The Sagg students are currently working on writing Tall Tales for the Budding Authors event at the Hamptons Library. In art class, the students have been very busy creating art which will be displayed at the Parrish Art Museum. The students will tour the museum and observe the student art exhibit on Wednesday, March 22nd.

5. Mr. Finello advised the committee about the upcoming student enrollment for the fall of 2023. He believes that the school will have at minimum 9 or 10 students, including 2 pre-k students. The teachers will continue to screen possible incoming students within the next few weeks. Ms. Barton brought up a good point that she feels is misunderstood in the community when it comes to the Sagaponack School budget. She wishes that the community would understand that the money allocated in the budget is not only supporting the students within the school building but all of the District students that are dispersed in the other districts. Mr. Finello informed the committee that there are 16 total students across 3 feeder districts.

6. Mr. Finello shared information from the New York State Education Report from the 2021-22 school year. Sagaponack has been rated as “in good standing.” Mr. Scammell also spoke about the AimsWeb testing. He informed the committee that benchmark testing takes place 3 times per year. A baseline is done in September and the students are retested in January and in May. Mr. Finello mentioned that if the students are struggling in any areas, instruction is adjusted and students are progress monitored throughout the year to show continued progress. Mr. Scammell also told the committee that the teachers use Fountas and Pinnell to obtain individual and instructional reading levels. Ms. Barton asked whether or not the teachers see a big regression in reading over the summer. Mr. Scammell and Mrs. Lombardo informed Ms. Barton, that students typically maintain their current reading level from where they left off in June.

7. Mr. Finello went over changes to the SDMC Plan and The Professional Learning Plan. Sagaponack’s instructional program emphasizes individualized instruction. The Professional Learning Plan includes the development of a research-based preschool program. He stressed that the vision statement is a strength for Sagaponack.

8. Mr. Finello spoke about the need to rearrange the classroom to prepare for the incoming preschool students. He discussed that parents will have the flexibility to pick up their children ½ day. Mrs. Fenwick happily agreed to help come up with a furniture arrangement that would best suit our school.

9. Mr. Finello discussed the past and upcoming professional development days. He informed the committee that all staff are observed annually and he, too, was observed by Peggie Staib, an educational consultant for Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

10. Mr. Finello informed the committee that Peggie Staib will also be conducting a Professional Development day over the summer for the staff regarding the upcoming preschool.

11. With no further questions or items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3.40pm.