

## **Sagaponack Common School District**

### **Shared Decision Making Team**

#### **Minutes for Meeting May 3, 2023**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finello at 2:45 pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

2. The following members were in attendance

- a. Mr. Finello
- b. Mr. Scammell
- c. Mrs. Lombardo
- d. Ms. Barton
- e. Mrs. Fenwick
- f. Mrs. Monique Thohte- Not in Attendance

3. The Committee approved the minutes from the last meeting dated March 14, 2023.

4. Mr. Scammell updated the committee on the current school activities. The students took a walking field trip to Madoo Conservancy. There, they toured the gardens and watched as new construction was going on. The Sagg students recently participated in the Hamptons Library Budding Authors Event. They listened to Author Anna Orenstein-Cardona discuss her journey as an author and the steps she took in order to write the book, Tree of Hope. She was quite inspiring and the students were mesmerized. Mrs. Fenwick shared that her daughter now wants to take a trip and see the actual Tree of Hope, located in Puerto Rico. The students were able to tour the library and look at other students' books and also see their stories on display. Most recently, the students at Sagaponack had a visit from a representative from the Jackson Pollack Museum. She discussed the history of Jackson Pollack and allowed the students to create their own splatter paint work of art. In the upcoming days, the school will combine with Wainscott school to discuss Fire Safety. Mr. Fenwick, who is a Sag Harbor Fire Fighter and father of one of our students, will bring a fire engine to aid in this discussion.

5. Mr. Finello advised the committee about the upcoming student enrollment for the fall of 2023. He believes that the school will have a solid 9 or 10 students, including 2 pre-k students. The teachers will continue to screen possible incoming students within the next few weeks.

6. Mr. Finello shared information regarding the 2023-24 school budget. Using the budget report card, he reviewed the different components of the school budget and highlighted that the school budget will be at the tax cap.

7. Mr. Finello discussed the retirement of our beloved Art Teacher, Terri Doyle. Sagaponack has posted an ad in the local newspapers and will be holding interviews to fill her position.

14. With no further questions or items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.