

Sagaponack Common School District

Shared Decision Making Team

Minutes for Meeting March 5, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finello at 2:50 pm on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.
2. The following members were in attendance
 - a. Mr. Finello
 - b. Mr. Scammell
 - c. Mrs. Lombardo
 - d. Ms. Barton
 - e. Mrs. Davies
 - f. Mrs. Thofte-not in attendance
3. Mr. Scammell discussed the upcoming parent/teacher conferences that will be occurring on March 22nd. The students will be dismissed at 11:00 am in order to meet with parents in the afternoon. Conferences take place 2 times during the school year.
4. Mr. Finello spoke about the enrollment for the 2024-25 school year. The teachers are conducting screenings and tours for potential students. As of present, there are 15 students for the upcoming year, including 3- pre-k, 5- kindergarten, 4- first graders, 2- second graders and 1- third grade student. With the upcoming student enrollment, the board is considering hiring a part-time aide that would be hired for 4 ½ hours per day, as long as the budget passes at the May 21, 2024 vote.
5. Mr. Scammell informed the group that the parent involvement in the school has been wonderful. Many parents have already come in and volunteered their time to do a special project with the students. From now until the end of the year, 1 or 2 families are scheduled each month to spend time in our school. Mrs. Davies shared with the group that she loves the idea of parents visiting the school. She complimented the students on their fine manners and good behavior.

6. Next, Mr. Finello spoke about the importance of the Parent Graduation Book Committee. He informed the group that each year, as tradition, the students receive a book of their Sagaponack School memories. How these memories are put together are left up to the creativity of the committee. The school is looking for volunteers to fill the seats of this committee.
7. Mr. Scammell talked about the upcoming field trips that the students will be taking. In the upcoming weeks, the students will be visiting the Parrish Art Museum to view their art which is being displayed. The students will also be visiting the Clubhouse for a bowling activity. In April, the students will be visiting the Quogue Wildlife Refuge. The end of the year trip is scheduled for June 4th to the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead.
8. Mr. Scammell discussed the winter P.E activities that have been taking place. The students just completed a unit of tennis at East Hampton Indoor Tennis and started their yoga sessions last week at the school with Kristin Davey, owner of Peaceful Planet Yoga.
9. Mr. Scammell informed the committee that the 3rd grade NYS ELA Assessments will be conducted April 10th-12th. It consists of multiple choice and short answer responses. The 3rd grade Math NYS Assessments are scheduled for May 7th-9th .
10. During the Q & A, Mrs. Barton brought up her concern whether or not the building will be quiet enough for the students to take the NYS Assessments. The committee agreed to discuss a possible solution to assuring the quietest testing environment.
11. The last meeting of the school year is scheduled for May 7, 2024 at 2:45pm
12. With no further questions or items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.