

SAINT ANTHONY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 8, 2022, 5pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

<https://zoom.us/j/7641657735>

MINUTES

1. Principal's update
 - a. Covid numbers:
 - i. Steep decrease in numbers as elsewhere.
 - ii. Staff absences are significantly down and much less frequently related to covid.
 - iii. SPPS quarantine guidelines have changed. Shorter periods, less people subject to quarantine (vaccines playing a big role in this).
 - b. Enrollment
 - i. Enrollment increase of 15 students since October
 - ii. 5 new students in the last week
 - iii. This is typical timing
 - iv. Some from SPPS online school
 - c. Budget
 - i. On the horizon
 - ii. MN state budget has a large surplus, possible that it will go to education
 1. There is a role for advocacy on this.
 - iii. SPPS anticipating a significant budget deficit in general fund
 1. Enrollment declines are a large contributor to this
 - iv. How can/will emergency funds be used?
 1. Temporary funding (2-3 years)
 2. Used now for a variety of staffing
 3. Probably more to come
 - v. "Interesting" budget year
 - vi. Enrollment projections likely end of this month/beginning of March
 - vii. Budget numbers beginning of April most likely
 - d. School choice activities
 - i. Two tours and open house so far
 - ii. Technology has been a bit challenging. Would like to emulate Murray's format.
 - iii. High staff to family ratio. Thank you SAP staff!
 - iv. Can we advertise the tour dates on social media and neighborhood listserv?
 1. Draft quick overview of school to send to Bryn.
 - v. Maybe put video on website
2. SPFE update

- a. Negotiations and mediation are ongoing. Some smaller proposals have been agreed upon but things are not going great. The union has created a parent/community action team who would like to support educators in negotiations. Shared link: spfe28.org/the-time-is-now. Families can sign up and/or sign petition of support.
 - b. Two actions upcoming: Thursday wear blue in collaboration with Minneapolis Public Schools (they are wearing SPFE red). Saturday rally with SPFE and Minneapolis Waban picnic area at 11am end at Hillcrest Rec Center. Probably another walk in with students at our school soon.
 - c. Why recess is in the negotiations? District wants to do away with specific language in contract about recess. Not necessarily true that recess would not happen, but union would like to have it in contract. Currently 20 minute recess is in contract.
3. Milk/School lunch options
- a. All students get free breakfast and lunch.
 - b. Milk only is \$0.50
 - c. A tray of food going into the garbage makes milk free.
 - d. Families might not be aware of this
 - e. Seems like a perverse incentive
 - f. There are bureaucracies that make this difficult to work around.
 - g. School budget can work around milk
 - h. Communications can go out about this
 - i. Could we clear School Cafe balances?
4. Planning for budget-related activities
- a. AC needs to plan series of meetings
 - b. Usually a quick turnaround between knowledge and decision making time
 - c. Have done big surveys in the past.
 - d. Will revisit this at March meeting.