**Present:** Kim Varieur (K), Bonnie Mulkeen (1), Sarah Wilson (2), Liz Strauch (3), Paige Warner (4), Greg Williams (5), Natalie Marinelli (Support Staff), Keith Koteles (Special Area), Laura Gaddy (Admin.), Harvey Bagshaw (Admin.), Janet Kamenick (Parent), Marc Levy (Parent), Amanda Moore (Parent)

**Absent:** Vincent Esposito (Parent), Angela Stephens (TA)

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| **TOPIC** | **PRESENTER** | **NOTES** |
| Welcome and Introductions | Gaddy/Mulkeen/Warner |  |
| 2021-2022 School Calendar Feedback | Gaddy | -The district is preparing to start working on the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. They are asking all SB teams for some input.-Our team discussed the following:* Do we prefer the calendar be based on required days (185) or required hours (1,025)? The team agreed on hours (1,025).
* What are the most important priorities for the calendar? The team prioritized a 2 week winter break (1), a 1 week spring break (2), the workday before Thanksgiving (3), the workdays at the beginning and end of the year (4), a February workday (5), and the first semester ending before winter break (6). Early release days were the last priority.
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| Staff Concerns |  | -Cleaning of Teacher workrooms: TA’s and the 2nd grade team inquired as to who is in charge of cleaning the workrooms. The custodians are responsible for disinfecting these rooms. Administration will ensure that this is communicated to the custodial team.-1st grade asked if the 3-5 playground could be part of their recess rotation. Administration responded that it will not be in the K-2 rotation, but the swings can be used between the two areas.-Our “all virtual” teachers inquired about a “virtual teacher” PLC. We are working with our cluster area schools to make this happen so our all virtual teachers have more support.-The Kindergarten team asked about the afternoon car rider line. This process has improved greatly since Monday (it was completed by 2:29 pm today). Our school is working with the safety team from the district office on all car rider procedures. We hope for continued improvement with more students riding buses. |
| Parent Concerns |  | Parent Questions/Concerns:* Is it common practice for benchmark grades to be used as report card grades? Mrs. Gaddy explained that this is not common practice. The question/concern was in regards to 5th grade science. 5th grade has not taken any benchmarks for science yet this school year. They did take an assessment in SchoolNet, but it was not a benchmark assessment.
* Is there a school-wide homework policy? This has been talked about a few times over the past few years and people have strong opinions on both sides. Grade levels do try to be consistent with homework requirements and practices. Mr. Bagshaw asked teacher representatives to bring this question/concern to their grade level teams. We will report back at our next meeting.
* What is the schedule for virtual specials and where are the links? All virtual students are being provided with “live specials” daily at the same time their face to face grade level classes have specials. Links are on the teacher’s Canvas pages.
* Are students required to wear backpacks while waiting in the car rider line? Staff explained that students are actually sitting while they are waiting to be called and they do not have to keep their backpacks on. Wheeled backpacks are not allowed at this time.
* Are students using cubbies in the classrooms this year? In the past, students have shared cubbies. This year, students are not sharing cubbies and some grade levels are not using cubbies at all.
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| Next Meeting |  | December 2nd, 2020 2:30 pm (Virtual) |