



STONY BROOK SCHOOL

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School Advisory Council 2023-2024

The Stony Brook School Advisory Council collaborates respectfully and efficiently while developing and assessing goals towards a common objective in a fun environment that fosters listening and sharing, and encouraging feedback.

Date of Meeting: February 12, 2024

Time: 2:10-3:10

Location: Remote: meet.google.com/tsi-sgog-det

****This will be a combined meeting with Blanchards SAC.**

Council Members :

Principal	Allison Hammer	- partially present
Faculty	Helene Orvoen	- present
Faculty	Mindy Schnare	- present
Parent	Ramya Soman	- present
Parent	Karen Wiczynski	- present
Community Rep	Jean Forrester	- present

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from [November, 2023 SAC](#) meeting
2. Stony Brook and Blanchard Member Introductions
3. Informational Updates
4. Discussion SIP Goal 1 - Equitable Student Outcomes
 - a. Strategy: Provide opportunities for collaboration between BMS and SB
 - b. Strategy: Collectively evaluate means for providing families with feedback for student growth

Discussion:

1. Approve minutes from [November, 2023 SAC](#) meeting at next meeting
2. Stony Brook and Blanchard Member Introductions
3. Informational Updates : PTO announcements ; administrative announcements: January PD (building based, cybersecurity focused) ; March PD (teacher led, 6-12 building combined, register for 3-5 workshops per teacher ; still in the works ; teachers presenting need heads up asap to get enough time to prepare) ; Restorative practices training on 2/6/24 for staff members from both middle schools: positive outcome, training about

creating/using circles: theory and practice during the training (finding a balance between control and connection dynamics within a group), coaching sessions to be planned, “homework” is to put a circle into practice).

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Feedback collection/Improvement plan regarding open house and conferences: creating a Google form to collect data, change in form of the conferences this SY because of contractual restrictions (resulted in 2 early release days), need feedback on this new way ; Report cards: focused on effort and conduct comments (narrative instead of evaluation focused ; transition visits (5th to 6th and 8th to 9th): to we want to change anything regarding the tours? Regarding the 5th-6th grades tour: we need feedback from 6th grade teachers, brainstorming about what activities we could offer depending on what is more important for students and families (maybe make them rank: talk with older students, discover/touch base with administration, visit classrooms, do team building activities) ; Parent teachers conferences: make the sign up process more smooth (over simplify it using visuals, share the link in multiple places to ease the access, review the sign up deadlines), maybe invite teachers to include a comment in their grade reports to invite parents of students needing a better teaming between parents and teachers to educate the whole child).

Decisions:

Creation of a shared google docs to share/brainstorm ideas in order to help with the update or creation of Google form surveys sent to families for feedback.