



Climate Committee

December 13, 2017

Minutes

- 1. Welcome** – in attendance: Brian O., Johanna C., Catherine C., Isaac H., Kristen M., Martha W., Miriam W., Roe L., Sally C., Beverley L..

Brian announced he is retiring and Johanna C. will be taking over the committee leadership. She plans to expand the committee responsibilities and recruit more members. She will work through Google Drive so there is more collaboration among the committee. She will also work with Technology in making Google Drive more easily accessible.

- 2. Review minutes of November 8th**
- 3. Bullying Focus Groups 11/8 & 11/13**

Brian noted there was a much larger turnout than expected. A number of issues were brought forward that were not necessarily topics that were anticipated. Brian spoke about parents with various issues and concerns about their children being harassed on social media and how it is affecting the entire family. Catherine pointed out the need between bullying and normal conflict that can be addressed in resolution. Martha also wrote a newsletter regarding the definition of bullying and conflict. There is a difference between elementary level bullying and basic teasing and middle and high school conflicts.

- 4. Muir United Day**

Catherine C. spoke about the success of the day on November 15 at Muir. The keynote speaker was Jim Parsons from The Big Bang Theory. Doug N. spoke as the closing speaker. The ceremony closing was highlighted by a burial of the words from the cards that students completed relative to unkind words that have been said to them and that they have said to others. In January the school is going to work on what to do next to affect change to continue building a capacity to empathy.

The budget for the event was less than \$10,000.00. It was brought out that change may not be in actual data but may be noticed in everyday actions by students. Many teachers offered their knowledge and contributed to the event. The day was a total success and there are plans to continue the process. Muir does have a commemorative video that can be shared.

Doors were decorated to reflect the event and they are still on display.

5. Mental Health and Wellness Survey

The survey was sent out earlier this year to obtain data earlier. Data will be released as soon as it is tabulated. The deadline is January 31, 2018. It is not a requirement to take the survey. This is an anonymous survey.

6. Discussion Topics brought forward

The recent fires in Los Angeles County and the parent concern about air quality
Brian will investigate the possibility and cost of getting masks for staff and students.

7. Suggestions for Johanna

- > Need for sensitivity training.
- > PTA and discussion of changing the name of the Climate Survey to be more descriptive for better comprehension by parents.