

Meeting January 23, 2018

Attendees: Renee, Paul, Jen, Jackie, Mary Anne

Agenda items:

- Current 1 / 2 class and its configuration going forward
- 5 and 6 grades next year
- Chocolate milk

### Chocolate Milk

History - The Wellness Committee decided that the sugar found in chocolate milk was not healthy and brought it to School Committee who passed a general recommendation that chocolate milk was not allowed in school.

Few years ago, the chef and the school nurse revisited the issue and consulted with medical physician who agreed that having students drink milk provides more benefits over the concern of sugar intake.

Last year's cafeteria state audit cited that SES needs to offer an additional milk option.

We were reminded that this issue was before Gail's arrival to SES and that our current offerings are well balanced and provide food options that include other sources of calcium.

Council's Next Step Suggestion:

1. Present the audit findings to School Committee
2. Explain that School Council will gather feedback from the community via the annual survey.
3. An additional milk offering will be decided upon completion of the survey

### Grade 1 / 2

School Council meetings are often used as a forum to hear and voice opinions regarding class structure changes. In light of the small number of students and to ensure student confidentiality, the principal and Grade 1 / 2 teacher will have direct conversations with the families involved to plan for next year's class composition.

Grade 1 / 2 - currently includes 5 first grade children out 12.

### Grade 5 / 6

One possibility is to have two grade 5 / 6 classes. The homeroom and specials will be mixed grades while keeping core academic instruction homogeneous.

School council will plan a forum to communicate this hybrid 5 / 6 model to families.

### Next steps

1. Principal will communicate to School Committee the results of the cafeteria audit
2. Develop and administer annual survey
3. Grade 1 /2 and Principal will have conversations with families to discuss next year
4. Principal will gather details needed to begin formulating a Grade 5 /6 forum by March/April