

SAC Meeting
April 11, 2022

In Attendance: Teri McNamee, Katie Watkins, Anna Garcia, Amy Smythe

- **Safety Issues relative to the school environment –**

COVID - Mrs. Smythe gave a quick overview of COVID at Bennett. We are still seeing a few cases with students and staff and have one class with 4 students out. Otherwise, our numbers seem to be steadily decreasing.

Front Office Procedures - Mrs. Smythe asked for feedback about having parents in the office vs. waiting outside when picking up children or dropping something off. A parent had expressed concern about it feeling unwelcoming. The group expressed that they always feel welcomed. One parent picks up often and stated that she is fine with the procedure and that the office staff is very friendly.

- **Budget Priorities –**

Student Based Budgeting – Mrs. Smythe gave a brief overview of how SBB works. A parent asked if veteran teachers cost more and the answer is all teachers cost the same to the building in this district.

Next year staffing – Mrs. Smythe shared that we are hiring back an art teacher. Other specials reduced to 80%. Mrs. Hallenbeck took a 100% position at another site so we will be hiring a music teacher. Mrs. Smythe explained that we had to go to a two track in 5th grade and that we came in with reserves well below the expectation. District was ok with this since we could technically reduce to 2 track in 2 other grade levels the next year if we need to due to budget.