

# MINUTES

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 27, 2025 6:02 pm | *Meeting called to order by Melanie Stern*

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Gjini, Mrs. Danowski, Melanie Stern, Jessica Esposito, Ariane Wilson, Yamilette Ronda-Velez, Lena Rink, Naomy Davila, Danielle Barth, Josh Clark, Martha Fleming, Jodi Watkins, Tara Paine, Lauren Alston, Jose Barreto, Krislal Berttiz, Aimee Meurer, Jordan Viergever, Nandan Singh, Brooke Epstein, Donna Moore, Shannon Holl and Kristen Simpson

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### Approval of Minutes

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January meeting minutes were approved.

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### Principal's Update

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#### New Business

#### Enrollment:

- Enrollment has grown to 792 with pending to 802.
- Dr. Gjini discussed with the continuous growth comes lots of needs with additional teachers and staff. Our staff has embraced the change.
- Only vacancy is a one-on-one for an ESE student.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to start soon.

#### IXL:

- PTO has purchased IXL for the K-5<sup>th</sup> and students have started on that this week.
- Instructions to login from home will be sent home in the next week.
- Students in BTB will be able to use it during that time as well.
- A parent suggested an online video tutorial for parents. As well as digital letter for teachers to send out as well as on ClassDojo.

#### Potholes:

- A submission was requested after the January SAC meeting to fix them. They are hoping they will completely fix instead of patch.
- No date yet on when it will be fixed.

#### Safety:

- There was a random safety check, and they passed as there is a long list of things they check.
- Screening on fence, we're still on the list to have this completed.

- We are also on the list still for the sidewalk

#### Rezoning:

- The district sent out a letter about the rezoning and when meetings will happen.
- There is no information of any students heading back to their zone school.

#### BonFire:

- BonFire was a great success and was a wonderful night for Freedom families.

#### Art:

- Mrs. Simpson has some artwork out on Anna Maria Island
- Spring Fest is also in March 8 – 9 at the City Island Park by public library.
- Sat, April 5 Band Fest music and art festival on the riverwalk area. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers. High school students are also welcome to volunteer for hours.
- May 22 will be the Art Show at Freedom

#### Parent Feedback:

- Issues with ant piles – admin will get Patty to fix
- Concerns were brought up about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading and math tests now being online. Dr. Gjini and Mrs. Danowski addressed those concerns.
- Dr. Gjini and Mrs. Danowski invited any parents with concerns regarding their student(s) to make an appointment to discuss one on one.

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### Next Meeting

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 6:00 pm - Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie Stern at 7:13 pm with a unanimous 2<sup>nd</sup>.