

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

January 16, 2020

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies



MINUTES

Voting Members Present: Kim Stroud, Kim Dalglish, Megan Johnson, Isabella Blohm, Nichole Harold, Ciara Bostock, Anthony Losada, Jenny Paul, Valerie Meridan, Adeeti Joshi, Lisa Hicks, Jolonda Brewer, Michele Crockett

Voting Members Absent: Noah Windspirit (excused), Raven Windspirit (excused), Narissa Smith (excused), Heidi LeRoy (excused), Nicole Gabbard, Eduardo Guerrero

Refer to the sign in sheets for non-voting member attendance.

1. **Call to Order:** SAC President Kim Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Ciara Bostock to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting, with a second by Megan Johnson, motion carried.
3. **SAC Budget Report:** no action required
Kim referred to the SAC budget included in meeting packet = \$6909.04
4. **Amend the Roster**
Jawana Wilkins attended our first SAC meeting and was voted in as a SAC voting member. She and her family have since moved to another school and therefore needs to be removed from the SAC roster. Motion was made by Adeeti Joshi with a second by Lisa Hicks, motion carried.
5. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Losada gave his Principal's report
 - a. **School Grade Prediction:** Q2 benchmark is for all students (3rd – 8th), a lot of testing to get done during testing window. Mr. Losada shared the benchmark presentation which compared our current grades to what our grades would be as a combined K-8 school. The bottom number is what we would have been = A (609) as a combined K-8 school. We pushed up our goal to encourage improvement, especially in Math and ELA; top row is benchmark we just completed, still focused on improving ELA, doing well in Math; we scored an A for Q2 Benchmark! We are diving deeper into standards and where students can improve and be proficient in their grade and push them to be ready for next grade; dive into which students are struggling in which areas and focused on helping them improve; it's a lot of work for teachers and administration (planning and focus. Mr. Losada is very excited about our grades so far. See Mr. Losada if you would like a copy of the Q2 Benchmark slides.

b. School Uniforms:

Mr. Losada reached out to district point person to determine exactly how much input SAC has on uniforms. He would like input, especially on shirts (collared polo vs t-shirt); polo shirts cost more and need greater lead time to order. If we go with polo for PYP, t-shirts can still be worn as spirit shirts on Friday. He'd like us to share with parents and gather feedback and share with SAC committee at February meeting. He would also like input from students. He is not looking to change MYP uniforms. He will not decide until he gets feedback from all parties. Megan asked about a polo option for MYP, Mr. Losada is open to discussion.

A letter went out Friday for PYP students regarding dress code. This week students will receive warnings if not adhering to dress code, next week teachers and administration will get stricter on upholding our dress code policy. There is no change to the policy, it just hasn't been strictly enforced and we need to require students to dress appropriately. Leggings are allowed as long as they are covered with a skirt and follow color code.

c. School Choice Window:

School Choice was different timing this year for the District, school choice moved up from Feb/March to Dec 2-31; forms and information were available online. Our Holiday Festival was a great opportunity to recruit new students. We had 175 applications for K-8 this year (down from prior year but very good group of students who applied). To those who apply we express the rigor that the IB curriculum requires of our students. Kindergarten kids who didn't apply will be sent home with a form reminding them they need to apply for 1st grade. Ms. Berg has fielded several calls from parents who didn't realize Choice was in December. She and her team are following up to ensure those who wanted to apply can still do so. School Choice for Johnson is open all year until full; once full the window closes.

d. Safety Update

Mr. Losada gave a safety update – monthly fire drills are being conducted and a lock down drill will take place at end of the month. Drill dates are always included in the Call Out to let parents know they are coming up. When the fire alarm is pulled on fire drill, no one leaves the building unless they have been given direction to leave or instructed to get away from danger; strict policies to not leave classroom until there is an all-call to do so.

e. Other

No other business was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. Motion was made by Lisa Hicks with a second by Valerie Meridan; motion was approved.