

# School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

February 20, 2020

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies



## MINUTES

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Voting Members Present:

Voting Members Absent: Kim Stroud (excused), Kim Dalglish (excused),

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

1. **Call to Order:** Heidi LeRoy called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Adeeti Bhatt-Joshi to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting, with a second by Raven Windspirit, motion was approved.

### 3. **SAC Budget Report:**

Budget was reported as \$6909.04

### 4. **Amend the Roster**

Nicole Gabbard is unable to continue as a voting SAC member and has submitted her resignation. A vote is needed to remove her from the official SAC roster. Motion was made by Raven Windspirit with a second by Ms. Bostock, motion carried.

There was a count of voting members with a 10 person total, including Mr. Losada. It was confirmed there a quorum.

### 5. **Principal's Report:**

#### a. **The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee:**

Mr. Losada related that he had met with members of the Jewish Federation and that Holocaust survivors would speak to our students. He related that this program was once in place at Johnson K-8, and he is eager to bring back this event. He is working on scheduling a speaker for early next year.

#### b. **Writing Assessment:**

Mr. Losada related that a Writing Assessment was completed for all tested grades. He related that scores were very high last year and he hopes to maintain these scores. Elaboration remains a difficulty for students. Middle school ELA teachers are reviewing these essays and reflecting with students.

**c. Community Service Projects:**

Eighth grade students will be presenting their Community Service Projects in March. Many students along with administrators have groups who they mentor and mentoring meetings had been held earlier in the day.

**d. Safe Learning Environment:**

Mr. Losada related that this is a spotlighted issue in the State. The Director of Safety for the District will be here for the next Lockdown Drill. Many components are in motion during a lockdown that include communication, secure building, and surveillance. He related that there was a lockdown that took place last week due to an unknown person who may have been near campus. The lockdown took place after school and a callout went out to notify parents.

There will be an unannounced visit by the State to monitor safety and security on campus. Mr. Losada related that little information has been released regarding the lockdown. There have been some modifications in preparation for the visit. Alternate walkie channels are used depending on the type of calls being made (e.g. clinic, aftercare, open)

**e. School Supplies:**

Ms. Bovoletis related that for next year school supplies can be purchased online through Teacher Tailored. Teachers can decide what should be in the box and it may be generic/non-generic. Ms. Bovoletis had a sample that she circulated around the committee. There is a convenience factor in purchasing the materials on-line.

Raven Windspirit asked teachers' opinions. Ms. Paul related that teachers are in favor of the boxes. Mr. Losada asked about a turnaround time. Ms. Bovoletis related it was 4-6 weeks. Ms. Bovoletis related that she will send out supply list prior to school finishing this year.

**f. Uniform Teacher Survey:**

Mr. Losada related that he surveyed the teachers regarding the uniforms. Teachers overwhelmingly said "yes" they would like uniforms. Sixty-three percent of teachers liked the t-shirt over the collared shirt. Mr. Losada also opened up the survey to

comments. Some comments were that there was a need for distinguishing characteristic between primary and middle grades. Other comments related to whether the uniform would be too hot for students.

Ms. Cruz asked why students can't wear leggings. Mr. Losada related that they would be out of compliance with District Code of Conduct. Ms. Nikitopoulos related that shirts must be below finger-tip length. She related that this applies to all grades.

#### **g. Recruitment Night**

Choice closed early for other District schools in December. This does not apply for Johnson K-8. Rule for last year, was that Johnson cannot take a student from another school after 10-day count. The previous night, Johnson held a recruitment night and 250 people attended. Mr. Losada related that there were many speakers at the event along with two students along with tours of the campus.

Ms. McCaster mentioned there was some confusion with the on-line application. Mr. Losada mentioned that there was a difference for parents who applied to one school versus multiple schools.

Ms. Leroy asked if they will change the application process next year. Mr. Losada that he has made his concerns known to the superintendent.

#### **h. Signage on Building**

Ms. Brewster asked about the sign on the building. Mr. Losada has brought up this issue to the District and related that there is not a timeline established for the sign.

#### **i. SIP Funds and MYP Bootcamp**

Ms. Leroy brought up that Ms. Stroud mentioned SIP funds for an MYP Bootcamp. Mr. Losada related that he will move that item to discuss with Ms. Stroud and relate this information at the next SAC meeting. This funding would be used to pay for teachers to conduct FSA preparation on a Saturday.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Hicks seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:24.