

# School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

September 3, 2020

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies



## MINUTES

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Voting Members Present: Kim Stroud, Kim Dalglish, Megan Johnson, Nichole Harold, Ciara Bostock, Anthony Losada, Jenny Paul, Valerie Meridan, Adeeti Joshi, Lisa Hicks, Jolonda Brewer, Michele Crockett, Noah Windspirit, Raven Windspirit, Narissa Smith, Heidi LeRoy

Voting Members Absent: Isabella Blohm, Eduardo Guerrero

1. **Call to Order:** SAC President Kim Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Kim Dalglish to approve the minutes of the May meeting, with a second by Megan Johnson, motion carried.
3. **SAC Nominations and Approval of New SAC Committee:** Motion made by Jolonda Brewer with a second by Heidi LeRoy; motion carried.
  - a. SAC Nominations:
    - i. Returning members: Kim Stroud, Kim Dalglish, Megan Johnson, Ciara Bostock, Nicole Harold, Jolonda Brewer, Noah Windspirit, Raven Windspirit, Narissa Smith, Heidi LeRoy, Valerie Meridan (support staff), Michelle Crockett (appointed by Principal)
    - ii. Nominations submitted prior to the meeting: Erin Krill, Jack Bostock, Jennifer Russell, Brittney Renneberg,
    - iii. Nominations from the floor: LaShawn'te Lee, Robert Sloman
  - b. New SAC Committee:
    - i. Chair – Kim Dalglish
    - ii. Vice Chair – Heidi LeRoy
    - iii. Secretary – Kim Stroud
  - c. Mr. Losada reminded all that we must have a quorum at every SAC meeting which is 50% + 1 of voting members.
4. **Approval of SIP:**
  - a. Mr. Losada shared that no SIP funds are being uploaded from the District right now; he has put in a request to the District to find out if we had any SIP funds roll over from last year.
  - b. He shared slides of SIP Goals for 2020/21 school year. All electives were moved to support core subjects; writing across all content areas is very important to ensure students reach these goals.
  - c. Discussion:

Question: If we get SIP funds, how does Mr. Losada intend to use them?

Answer: Without having funds now, Mr. Losada is pulling from other funds within his budget; if we do get SIP funds, he would like to spend them on curriculum software, boot camp, non-contract hourly money for teachers working after school hours to help students.

Question: What are Mr. Losada's top 3 Wish Lists items?

Answer: 1. Printing 2. Brain Pop (\$2,900) 3. Non-contract hourly wages

Question: How is printing budget impacted by e-learning?

Answer: Mr. Losada shared the student percentages for 5-day on campus, hybrid and virtual. Printing expenses are heavy at the start of the school year and he anticipates printing costs will rise as the on-campus student percentage rises.

Question: Are there PTO funds available?

Answer: Yes, Mr. Losada shared that there are a lot of PTO funds – Mr. Losada is waiting to have a PTO meeting for more parents to volunteer to be involved. The questions was asked if communication would be going out to parents notifying them of the opportunity to be involved in PTO. Mr. Losada responded that yes, Admin would be sending out a notice to parents letting them know we are looking for parents to collaborate on PTO.

- d. SIP Plan/Goals motion made by Robert Sloman with a second by Narissa Smith; motion carried.

5. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Losada gave his Principal's report

- a. FSA gains will be a two-year comparison for 2018/19 and 2020/21 as there was no FSA testing at the end of the 2019/20 school year.
- b. Mr. Losada welcome new staff members showing slides announcing each along with slides of staff members by department.
- c. He welcomed and introduced Adreinne Vos, Johnson's new Assistant Principal, and congratulated Aliko Bovoletis on her new position as Assistant Principal at Mills Elementary.
- d. Johnson has a new Engineering Lab that is "phenomenal" which includes 30 new computers for design, 2 laser cutters, 3 3-D printers, and soon a plasma cutter. Lab should be completed by end of October and will increase skill sets for TSA program.
- e. Custodial staff cleaning all rooms every night with fog machines also run nightly
- f. Important Dates slide regarding Instructional Resources Kit pickup and Supply dropoff for Brick and Mortar/Virtual/Hybrid students.
- g. School spirit shirts were purchased for all staff.
- h. MYP Summer Reading Project: teachers are being very flexible as some students only received their assignment on the first day of this school year. If any parent has questions or concerns, Mr. Losada encourages us to contact your student's

teacher or contact Administration. Projects will be due at some point this year while allowing for flexibility.

- i. Safety is a priority including ensuring no direct exposure (less than 6' for more than 15 minutes) of staff and students; the campus is set up, with procedures in place, where students should never encounter direct exposure.
  - i. PPE was purchased (2,000 masks, 500 shields, antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, gloves, thermometers, plexiglass dividers, Neutral Q, Avistat D), every soap dispenser is filled nightly, 80 gallons of hand sanitizer were ordered. Johnson is the only school still taking temperatures for everyone who steps foot on campus; District has relaxed this protocol.
  - ii. Classroom configuration – desks are 6' apart with one student at each desk all facing the same way; non-essential furniture was tagged and moved.
  - iii. Mask breaks are allowed for MYP when requested, students are to step out of the room.
  - iv. Students are allowed to bring water bottles into classrooms; students have been taught how to lift mask slightly to take a drink; use of water fountains are not allowed at this time.
  - v. PYP mask breaks are built into curriculum - at recess and scheduled breaks to take students outside for 5-10 minute block breaks.
  - vi. Students can remove their mask at lunch while seated at table.
  - vii. Kim Stroud suggested including information regarding mask breaks, water in classroom, etc...in the Sunday call out to better inform parents of on-campus protocol.
- j. There was an incident on campus with an MYP student bringing in scissors that were larger than allowed. All student scissors were confiscated. Mr. Losada will allow scissors on campus and will send a notice out to parents with more information.
- k. **Discussion:**
  - i. Question: Any idea on when mask mandate will be relaxed?  
Answer: There are no plans to relax the mask mandate; the school is doing a great job; Mr. Losada will keep up posted on any changes
  - ii. Question: Will Johnson have TSA this year?  
Answer: Mr. Losada hopes so. Mr. Devine and Mr. Sabo were hired this year and both have great experience with TSA; Mr. Bostic is retiring in November. All students who requested TSA were placed in TSA class.
  - iii. Question: For MYP, any thoughts on a system for keeping books in classrooms to relieve weight of backpacks?  
Answer: Mr. Losada is working on a technology/computer solution to allow students to leave books at home; also looking at possibility of online textbooks by the end of September 2020. Mr. Losada suggests we

continue asking about this at SAC meetings and he will update us as he has new information.

- iv. Question: Do we have classrooms with substitute teachers right now?  
Answer: Yes, we have some long-term substitutes; there are five teachers out on FMLA; long-term subs allow for stability with those subs being in the same classroom every day.
  
- v. Question: How soon will Mr. Losada send out the questionnaire on Q2 on campus/hybrid/virtual learning?  
Answer: Planned for week 6 of school allowing for a 3-day window for parents to respond; no response is required if parents want to stay with their current plan.
  
- vi. Question: How do you think Q2 will impact space and capacity? Especially if brick & mortar students increase?  
Answer: Mr. Losada anticipates an increase in brick & mortar students; some e-learning classrooms can be used; decisions will be made once Mr. Losada knows exactly how many students fall into each learning category.
  
- vii. Question: Do we have a waiting list right now?  
Answer: PYP - There are no seats available in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; a few seats are available in all other grades. MYP – about 25 seats are available across 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Mr. Losada would like to fill those seats so that Johnson does not lose any teaching positions.

#### **I. Other**

Kim Stroud suggested we review the role of SAC, and voting member responsibilities, at our October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm. Motion was made by Robert Sloman with a second by Megan Johnson; motion was approved.