



## School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies

January 21, 2021

6:00pm

## MINUTES

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**Voting Members Present:** Kim Dalglish, Kim Stroud, Erin Krill, Heidi LeRoy, Tony Losada, Noah Windspirit, Raven Windspirit, Valerie Meridan, Brittney Renneberg, LaShawn'te Lee, Jolanda Brewer, Narissa Smith, Michelle Crockett, Jennifer Russell, Heidi LeRoy

**Voting Members Absent:** Robert Sloman, Nicole Harold, Megan Johnson, Ciara Bostock\*, Jack Bostock\*

\*Excused Absence

**Call to Order:** SAC Chair, Kim Dalglish, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Jolanda Brewer to approve the minutes of the December 2020 meeting, with a second by Noah Windspirit, motion carried.

### Principal's Report:

**Chromebooks:** Continued to be pushed back, 12K were ordered by the district, we are supposed to get 140 chrome books by middle of next month. Mr. Losada will continue to provide updates.

**Sports:** Starting in February boys and girls soccer. Girls Volleyball and Boys flag football are 2nd phase. Kids have to have a physical to participate.

### Celebrations:

**MLK Speech Contest:** most students participated in the school and then sent in to the district committee and 3 students placed Jasani Cummings, Genesis Nunez Amaya, Natalie Barendse. Competed across the district.

**Pre-K IB Action Project:** Making connections in the community. Need to help our elderly in assisted living. Kids made craft projects to send hugs and decorations and bookmarks. Received 84 cards to the classroom as a thank you for their outreach and action.

**Enrollment (Learning Platforms):** 85% Brick and Mortar and 15% in E-Learning.

Created some schedule changes. Desks 6ft apart, but still are able to manage the volume. Mr. Losada mentioned that the kids and staff are doing a great job and following the CDC guidelines.

**21/22 Recruitment :** Going very well. Ahead of where we were last year. Over 190 applications, approving some and making calls to make the offer. Openings in Kindergarten and 5th grade. Discover Johnson will happen next week to continue to recruit. We placed a virtual tour on the website to help market the school. Open enrollment is ongoing, our recruitment window doesn't close until school starts for district enrolled students. Kids coming from charter, private or home schooled can come in after school starts. Capacity is 464 in PYP and 513 in MYP. Question about Pre-K students. School will send info to our current pre-k parents to give them direction on enrolling in Kindergarten.

**Benchmark 2 Assessments:** Beginning in Feb. Students showing growth on formative assessments, looking at standards with teachers. Incorporates standards from Quarter 2, but will refer to some on Quarter 1. Testing begins Feb. 1st thru Feb 12th. E-learning students need to come on campus, but arrangements are being made to see if elearning students can come straight into the building. District requires all students to be on campus, due to them being secure tests. For e-learners, school is attempting to do 2 sessions on the same day so the students don't have to come back.

**COVID Cases:** Still having some cases on campus. Kids coming back from holidays triggered some. Note that in our school, when we have students/teachers positive, we are seeing less exposure to others from the positive case than other schools which means less disruption in classrooms and learning. Very proud of the students, teachers and parents. Mr. Losada thanked the parents.

**IB Program:** SAC Chair Kim Dalglish recommended Administration to provide some IB overview to SAC to encourage the knowledge about the approach IB takes with learning. Each SAC meeting, Admin will review topics specific to IB from PYP to MYP. Community service hours are beginning, kids have mentors who are teachers and other students. Projects will look a little different this year due to COVID restrictions. More virtual projects. Example from a student: Plan and put together a virtual birthday party for a child. Kids are coming up with creative ideas.

**Overview of Program:** *PYP is Transdisciplinary/Cross Content* . Students see the concepts from all the lenses: Math, ELA, Science, etc. Example: Water cycle is incorporated into reading blocks and math blocks and science blocks. All subject areas address the same topics for consistency and infusing the learning in different modules. *MYP: Interdisciplinary learning*-connection between studies and the real world. Example: students had to put together a story in ELA. The unit was written with the Band teacher last year. Students wrote the story in ELA and then created music related to the unit in Band. Interdisciplinary connects 2 areas of study. The Community Service

Project for 8th graders is also tied to the real world. Focus is internationally minded. (Refer to the attached powerpoint). Teaching kids how to learn, how to take control of their own learning, to inquire, allow for productive struggle to take place to enhance learning and dig deeper. Next Month's SAC IB overview topic is *Learner Profile and Attributes*.

**School Tour:** January 27th is an RSVP only for parents who want a tour. SAC members only can also attend. Can see the design room and technology room that your students are using in PYP and MYP. SAC members can bring their children, but 5th grade students in PYP are able to tour the MYP options as part of preparing to move to MYP. Purchasing 22 tablets to allow the kids to continue coding. This is also part of the STEM club that started after school.

**New Teacher Training:** PYP-all teachers have to be trained. In MYP-one teacher in each department must be trained. Design teachers are going to training in February 2021. 4 ½ week training online. Mr. Losada had a 4 ½ week training as the principal as well. Content of the training had to be modified due to the impacts with collaboration due to COVID-19.

**SAC Member Questions:** What is the plan for teacher recruitment for next year? Virtual job fair happening in April. Superintendent advised Mr. Losada that they will have their allocations in the Spring. That will give Mr. Losada the opportunity to determine the teacher needs.

Teacher absences continue to be a concern with a certain classroom. There was a plan for a consistent sub to be in one of the PYP classrooms, but parents learned that the sub is leaving. Mr. Losada encouraged the parent to contact him tomorrow with more detail on that specific classroom but he indicated beginning Monday there will be consistency. Mr. Losada reiterated that if there are questions or problems, he wants to know so please contact him.

Staffing absences: The school still averages between 7-11 teachers gone each day. Mondays and Fridays are the higher days of absences.

District is not doing Teacher of the Year, but they are doing a program to honor all teachers per school to recognize all they have done this year related to COVID-19.

Pick up in the afternoon seems to be going slower. Mr. Losada recognizes that and it may be contributed to the number of additional students coming back to school. It's backing up on the 26th. Mr. Losada will look into it again. Mornings are going well.

**Meeting Adjourn** at 7:06pm by SAC Vice-Chair-Heidi LeRoy

*Minutes taken by Kim Stroud-SAC Secretary=Please see powerpoint for additional info.*