



## School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies

February 18, 2021

6:00pm

### MINUTES

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**Voting Members Present:** Kim Dalglish, Kim Stroud, Heidi LeRoy, Tony Losada, Noah Windspirit, Raven Windspirit, Valerie Meridan, LaShawn'te Lee, Jolonda Brewer, Narissa Smith, Michelle Crockett, Jennifer Russell, Ciara Bostock, Jack Bostock, Robert Sloman, Megan Johnson, Erin Krill

**Voting Members Absent:** Nicole Harold, Brittney Renneberg

\*Excused Absence

**Call to Order:** SAC Chair, Kim Dalglish, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Jolonda Brewer to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting, with a second by Michelle Crockett; motion carried.

#### Principal's Report:

##### Celebrations:

- **Clubs:**
  - TSA is completely virtual this year; Johnson has opted to not participate virtually but instead work with students this year preparing them for TSA competition next year. Students are very active in the new Engineering lab.
  - National Honor Society: we did not have last year; Mr. Losada will share more as information becomes available regarding this year.
  - Yearbook: instead of a Club this year, we have a Yearbook class with students working hard to put this year's together.
  - Social/Emotional Learning: Ms. Vargas oversees this program; it is going well and helps students share what is going on.
  - Sports have started with Boys & Girls soccer going on now; Girls volleyball and Boys flag football will be starting soon.
- **Benchmark 2 Assessments:** Johnson saw growth in almost every area; please refer to the **slide** Mr. Losada shared of Q2 School Grade Projections
- **Military Mom/Student Reunion:** The school was able to celebrate with one of its Kindergarten students with the return of her mom, currently serving in the Navy, after almost a year apart from one another. School administration took video of the special moment which went viral receiving national and international attention. The heartwarming video is posted on the website.

- **Discover Johnson Night** was a great success; another one is planned for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm; SAC members are again invited to attend.

**Enrollment (Learning Platforms):** 13% of our students are elearners. Kids and staff on site are working hard, following the rules. Following the CDC guidelines.

**20/21 Recruitment:** Recruitment is going well. Sending out 1000s of postcards to enter kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade for tours. We look at attendance records first in reviewing applications to ensure the students that are selected are committed to learning. Discipline records are also reviewed. 274 applications as of today. Expecting more on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

PYP has been asked to pilot the new rubric for the district's discipline program. Past students could get up to 5 minors to get a referral-which goes into focus. Minors are intended to give a teachable moment. Starting Monday, students get 3 minors total before a referral. Previously, the minors were based on individual behaviors, now its combined behaviors. Goal is the discipline program is across all schools in the district.

**Chromebooks:** As expected in January, the school received 130 more chromebooks that have been dispersed on the PYP side to the classrooms. Individual students will not receive a chromebook to assist with the heavy backpacks until every student in the school has a chromebook (PYP and MYP). Administration continues to explore if Students can only bring in the chapter that they need and leave the book at home. Students have an e-book for all the textbooks thru their school account but textbooks cannot be stacked on top of each other in the classroom due to COVID.

**Graphics (Design class).** Students can make our own banners in this classroom. They are going to be making our IB banners for the school....Admin will put this on the website. Kids will be selling the banners to help support their projects. This is an option for PYP and MYP.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade HS visits:** Prior to COVID, guidance counselors would go to the middle schools to market the high school programs. Now the schools will have powerpoints for the specific school that they are interested in and the kids will have an opportunity to watch those ppw. More information will be sent out to parents and placed on the website. Should be before spring break.

**PTO:** Requests for involvement was messaged on the webpage and there was not a lot of interest. We have 2 staff members who are interested in taking over PTO, but they can't be treasurers. Ms. Williams and Ms. Norfleet are the 2 staff members. Ciara Bostock has agreed to be the PTO president and will work with Ms. Williams and Ms. Norfleet. The Treasurer's position is still open and needs filled. This position keeps track of all PTO funds, balances the budget and files taxes. Raven Windspirit will be the VP of PTO.

**IB Program Education:** Learner Profiles. **See ppt.** These learner profiles are

embedded in the lessons and expanded upon them. Helping them see the connection with the real world. Caring is a large focus as well as principled. Mr. Losada challenges us to inquire with our kids as to what Learner profiles they are hearing about in each of their lessons. Every day a child is reflecting on the lesson every day. Learner profiles are expected to be infused in both PYP and MYP classes.

Vision Statement: Administration and the Social/Emotional committee is working on a revised vision statement for the school. Once drafted, Mr. Losada will bring to SAC and ask for a vote to support.

**Benchmark:** See ppt....Our SIP says we will have a 25% gain in our L25...3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade we are 611 points and 558 is an A grade. We are outperforming what we are doing in a normal year. This highlights that the teaching and learning that is taking place is having an impact.

ELA: Ms. Nikitopolos: ELA Achievement 3-8-66%....this is 66% are at or above proficiency and 62% is an A grade. ELA Gain: This is looking at whether the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students gained from the FSA from the 18/19 school year-we are at a 57% which is a good score, but we need to work towards our L25 to help support.

Social studies score-Civics in 7<sup>th</sup> grade 87% of students passed the benchmark-we are one of the strongest middle schools in that category. Ms. Cushman is looking to make that a 90% proficiency. MS acceleration: how many students are we pushing in the advanced algebra and geometry...goal is 62% or above, we are at 86% and doing exceptionally well.

Ms. Vos: Math: Q2 benchmark was 74% grades 3-8 were at grade level or higher. Seen tremendous growth since Q1. Restructured lesson plans, 4, 5, and 8<sup>th</sup> are using the Athletics program which targets many standards but also revisits previous standards. Science-we have some room for growth. Strong 8<sup>th</sup> grade program but we can see 5<sup>th</sup> grade growth. Doing some cross planning lesson plans with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher. Science will be a big focus on PYP. Science is more limited due to COVID b/c supplies cannot be shared and sanitizing has to be done after each use. Some discussion regarding the Science classes and the desire for them to engage in more experimentation.

**Safety/Lockdown:** Due to the recent event that Mr. Losada did a call out on, our school, horizons, and Samoset locked down.... There was an unidentified person on our campus and Deputy Clarr intercepted and directed him off the campus. The person was unarmed. The students were not able to see this person. He did not touch any of the door handles of our classrooms. Mr. Losada reviewed all the videos and he had no weapons and kids did not see him. He entered by the kindergarten building and Mr. Losada contacted the district and they are making that wall higher. Discussion on how many kids had elaborate stories of the event and Mr. Losada had fielded many calls from parents on this situation.

Combining the PTO/SAC/Johnson Facebook page into 1 site to help with

communications so parents only have to look at 1 place. That will be on a call out.

Upcoming events and reminders-review the agenda. Next Meeting is April 15, 2021

**Adjourn at 7:12 by SAC Chair-Kim Dalglish**

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