

# School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies

Date: August 17, 2023



## MINUTES

**Voting Members Present:** Ciara Bostock, JoLonda Brewer-Brice, Michelle Crockett, Kim Dalglish, Chris Edwards, Avelyn (AJ) Estrada, Erin Krill, Heidi LeRoy, Tony Losada, Noah Windspirit, Raven Windspirit

**Voting Members Absent :** LaShawn'te Lee (E), Megan Johnson (E), Jennifer Russell

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Heather Rivero, Dr. Lisandra Tayloe, Kendra Wingate, Alessa Laczkoski, Jonathan Van Dyke, Ashley Amendolaro, Matt Estrada, Jenny Paul, Brian Zambrano, Rosibel Ventura, Megan Martinetti, Jessica Crawford

**Call to Order:** 6:05pm

Kim Daglish

- **Approval of May Minutes:**
  - ❖ Noah Windspirit made a motion to approve.
  - ❖ Ms. Brewer made a second motion to approve.
  - ❖ Motion Carried
- **SAC Budget Report (slide):**
  - ❖ Internal Account = \$1,293.89
  - ❖ Budgeted Account = \$4,153.97
- **SIP Goals 2023-24 (slide):**
  - ❖ SIP Goals for the current school year were presented.
  - ❖ Raven Windspirit made a motion to approve.
  - ❖ Chris Edwards made a second motion to approve.
  - ❖ Motion carried.
- **SAC Slate of Officers:**
  - ❖ Kim shared the proposed slate of officers and voting members. The floor was opened for nominations (there were no nominations from the floor), and the slate was approved. Positions for teacher, support staff, and student representatives are elected by their peers and handled through the school. They will be voted on next year. There were no nominations for Secretary, so the Vice Chair will also serve as Secretary. Motion to approve the voting members and officer positions by Ciara Bostock. Seconded by Erin Krill. Motion unanimously carried.

## Principal's Report:

- **Enrollment (slide)**
  - ❖ See slide for grade level breakdown; school student total is currently 914.

- **Staffing Update**
  - ❖ Johnson started school fully staffed 😊
- **2023-24 School Data (slide)**
  - ❖ See slide for grade calculations by subject. Science is lower than expected; Math is well above average; Civics is at 89% achievement; Johnson continues to achieve an A grade
  - ❖ Testing changes have been received – the state format is the same this year, what is new is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading is its own test this year.
- **Programmatic Changes for 2023-24 SY**
  - ❖ Orchestra and HOPE are no longer offered. Orchestra had very low participation last year with about 39 students vs. Band with about 150 students; in at least one period there was a class of only about 7 orchestra students. Mr. Losada is trying to offer an after-school Orchestra Club and may use school funds to pay for it. HOPE is a high school course that is offered online, and most students utilize this as their online requirement which almost eliminated the demand for an in-school class.
  - ❖ Ms. Faust, elementary Music teacher, is now in the music room instead of a portable...YAY!
- **Dress Code**
  - ❖ With the implementation of the revised dress code policy SAC voted on at the end of last year, there has been tremendous improvement this school year with regards to dress code violations. Teachers and administrators have not had to spend near as much time enforcing dress code and therefore have been able to focus their attention on education. Kudos to our students!
- **IB Update (slide)**
  - ❖ Mr. Losada shared that COVID had a big impact on their ability to implement the usual IB curriculum these past few school years; their focus is to return to the pre-COVID curriculum and will share updates at each SAC meeting.
  - ❖ MYP is going through IB recertification this school year.
  - ❖ Community services hours for grades 6<sup>th</sup> (6 hours), 7<sup>th</sup> (10 hours), and 8<sup>th</sup> (12 hours, no change) have been updated.
  - ❖ Five additional MYP teachers and one AP (Ms. Rivero) have received IB training and fully meet IB training requirements.
  - ❖ Dr. Tayloe shared some examples (see slides) of some current IB units of study.
- **Other**
  - ❖ Johnson has a new book scanning program which means all books must be rescanned to update teacher libraries; Erin Krill is helping with this massive project; volunteers are needed for vetting of books.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:04pm**