

**Ocean Palms Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Room 310/Virtual Option
March 24, 2022**

Meeting Convened: 3:15pm

Adjourned: 4:36pm

Attendance: T. Kennedy, E. McCall, S. Della Porta, K. Cornell, T. Cantwell, L. Brubaker, L. Farese, C. Roach, S. Fannin, J. Tiedeberg, M. Campbell, B. White, J. Pantano, R. Cartwright, J. Sellers, A. Bergamasco, J. Werba, N. Pacifico, A. Torrente, N. Cubbedge, K. Berrara,

Call to order: 3:23pm

Reminders:

Welcome! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful spring break! We have members of our PTO here with us today, welcome! Please remember if you are not a member of the SAC committee, you may not vote on any voting matters during the meeting. If you are participating virtually, please be sure to raise your hand to participate in voting and making motions. Please make sure you sign-in for attendance, even if you are not a member.

Review Minutes from 2/27/2022 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Tiedeberg; K. Farese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Approve Agenda for Meeting 3/23/2022

Motion to approve the agenda was made by K. Farese; Tiedeberg seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Current Financial Report – K. Cornell

There is a balance of \$ 1,355.33

SRF Ballot Results- S. Della Porta

- 1/20/22
 - Introduced School Recognition Funds process at SAC meeting
 - SAC voted to the ballot from last year with current dates
 - SAC approved amended draft ballot for this year

- 2/7-2/11
 - Staff received a copy of the draft ballot along with the instructions to provide any anonymous recommendations or changes.

- Staff was notified of the process and that I vote would be held and reminded that SAC is open to the public.
- 2/27
 - No additional suggestions or input from staff regarding draft ballot
 - No changes to draft were made and SAC approved final ballot for voting
- 2/28-3/1 Staff Vote

The results of the ballot are as follows: The staff of 106 voted, in order to reach a majority, 51% of the total voting members had to select the same option.

 - **Option 1: 59 votes 55%**
 - Bonus money will be distributed to the **2021-2022** instructional and non-instructional employees only, regardless of their current employment status.
 - Option 2: 39 votes 37 %
 - Option 1: 43 votes 40 %
 - **Option 2: 54 votes 51%**
 - I agree to have the funds **divided proportionately** among all voting members of Ocean Palms Elementary based on the staff member's weekly hours.
 - ❖ Example 1: An employee working 4 days a week 7.5 hours a day at OPE would receive a proportionate amount based on 30 hours (4 x 7.5 hours) a week worked.
 - ❖ Example 2: An employee working 5 days a week 4 hours a day at OPE would receive a proportionate amount based on 20 hours (5 x 4 hours) a week worked.

Motion to approve the School Recognition Funds Distribution based on the results of the staff vote was made by J. Tiedeberg; K. Farese seconded the motion. Motion Passed; Approved by Voting

SAC Survey Data

- The OPE SAC was open from 2/1-2/11 for 2 Surveys: Staff and Parents/Guardians
- This year SAC Survey results: 81% of staff completed the survey and 42% of parents completed the survey
- Grade level percentages: 4th grade had the highest percentage and earned the popsicle party
- Staff met the 75% goal set by SAC, earning a chips and salsa celebration.
- We will dive deeper into the data next SAC meeting.
- Here are some highlights from the data:
 - More than 99% of parents and staff feel that students are safe at school
 - 93% of parents feel that school wide communication is effective
 - Overall, very positive comments

Growth Update with Guest Speaker Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge

- She is the SJCS D Executive Director for Planning and Government Relations
- She shared a Power Point that was presented to the School Board in January 2022.
- She highlighted points from her presentation:
 - SJCS D Student Population has doubled since 2004.
 - Growth of 7.2% includes some students returning to traditional school setting.
 - The state no longer provides funding through PECO Construction or Classrooms 4 Kids

She described state and local revenue sources for school construction.

- Over the last 20 years, 17 new schools were built, and 12 school expansions took place in our district.
- Over the last 5 years, 5 new schools were built, and 3 school expansions took place.
- She shared the philosophy behind relocatables and how they allow the district to add capacity at multiple schools and allows the district to build new schools and return the relocatable units.
- She shared that the timing of funding lags behind the actual construction of homes and families moving into the school district.
- Our district is adding 120 additional relocatables at 16 different schools.
- OPE is receiving 10 relocatables.
- She shared details about the new construction for the 5-year period:
 - New K-8 School NN
 - South Woods Elementary- Classroom Expansion
 - New Elementary School N
 - New K-8 School OO
 - New K-8 School PP
- One single month showed over 800 homes being permitted in our county.
- She also discussed High Growth Allocation funds.

Principal's Update – T. Cantwell

- Mrs. Cantwell shared additional resources that will be place for next year: STEM Class and an additional staff.
- Mrs. Cantwell shared and celebrated the recent i-Ready comparison data, highlighting the progress of each grade level.
- New Testing Information: Cambium got the bid for the Progress Monitoring Tool, which is replacing the FSA.
- Based on the last update from the district Cambium is not adaptive and has 3-5th assessments already created and they are creating the K-2 assessments.
- With the new legislation, parents need to be made aware of results of the Progress Monitoring Assessments within a specific window of time; our school currently does this with i-Ready data.
- Our school is not renewing the i-Ready Diagnostic at this time because no enough is known about the Cambium testing. The concern is the amount of time spent on testing for students.
- Many teachers like the i-Ready Toolbox; our school may consider purchasing in the future.
- The Team Leaders are reviewing digital tools and programs that may be beneficial next year.

Public Question Period

- Can PTO donate to SAC? SAC will look into this and discuss next month.
- A parent shared information and expressed concern about the number of students at different schools. She focused on what she felt was inequity due to the number of students at specific schools.
- K. Berrara shared that rezoning multiple times during growth can be challenging, especially if students have three different elementary schools in three years.

Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by S. Della Porta; J. Tiedeberg seconded the motion.

Motion Passed