

**Ocean Palms Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Room 310
April 21, 2022**

Meeting Convened: 3:15pm

Adjourned: 3:55pm

Attendance: T. Kennedy, E. McCall, S. Della Porta, K. Cornell, T. Cantwell, L. Brubaker, B. Johnson, L. Farese, S. Fannin, J. Tiedeberg, M. Campbell, J. Pantano, J. Sellers, A. Bergamasco, J. Werba, A. Torrente, N. Cubbedge, K. Berrara, J. Fitch, C. Shore, A. Raha

Call to order: 3:18pm

Reminders:

Welcome! Please remember to sign-in if you have not done that yet. We do not have anyone participating virtually.

Review Minutes from 3/24/2022 Meeting

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

Motion Passed

Approve Agenda for Meeting 4/21/2022

Motion to approve the agenda was made by J. Tiedeberg; J. Sellers seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Current Financial Report – S. Della Porta

There is a balance of \$ 1,355.33

Ms. Della Porta also shared that SAC is unable to accept money directly and is not allowed to fundraise; however, a collaboration between SAC and PTO, to ensure professional development opportunities are available, is possible. Ms. Della Porta will work with Ms. Cantwell and PTO, if needed.

Funds Requests- S. Della Porta

- Mrs. Fitch, 2nd grade teacher, is requesting funds for materials related to a writing curriculum course online. She would like to focus on enhancing writing instruction for the upcoming year. She will earn 10 professional development hours and have lifetime access to the materials and videos provided during this online training. The cost of the materials is \$172.00.
- Ms. Fitch shared how she would use the materials and implement the new knowledge.

Motion to approve the funds request made by Mrs. Fitch in the amount of \$172 for supplemental writing materials and writing professional development was made by J. Tiedeberg; J. Sellers seconded the motion.

Motion Passed; Voting Approved

- Mrs. Shore, music teacher, is requesting funds for registration fees to attend a rigorous two week course that is the extension of the Orff Level 1 course she participated in last summer. Upon completion she will be Orff Level 2 certified. She will use the knowledge she gains to incorporate into her lessons next year in the OPE music department. Mrs. Shore has already received a \$100 deduction for registering early. The remaining cost is \$700.
- Mrs. Shore shared a Power Point that she created showing the impact of Orff Level 1 professional development and how she plans on implementing Orff Level 2 into her classroom.

Motion to approve the funds request made by Mrs. Shore in the amount of \$700 for Orff Level 2 professional development was made by J. Tiedeberg; L. Farese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed; Voting Approved

SAC Survey Data

- SAC members read the Staff and Parent Comparison Chart and written comments sheets (staff and parent/guardian).
- 4th grade continues to have the highest response to the survey.
- There is a need based on the data and comments for additional laptops.
- More than 99% of parents and staff feel that students are safe at school.
- Overall, very positive written comments and percentages.

Principal's Update – T. Cantwell

- Mrs. Cantwell shared that our school waited to purchase laptops to see what the district would provide.
- Due to the age of the computers in the labs, they are going to get replaced automatically.
- We are hoping to get one additional laptop cart.
- Mrs. Cantwell shared that ideally, it would be wonderful if every classroom in the building had laptops to share with their adjoining classroom on a cart. The portables would be more challenging because they do not have room for a laptop cart.
- Mrs. Cantwell shared additional resources that will be place for next year: STEM Class and an additional staff.
- Mrs. Cantwell is working on a new resource schedule that will include 90 minutes of resource on several Wednesdays, which will give grade level teams time to collaborate.
- Our school will have a “Data Room”, that will be designated for teams to collaborate; it will have a copier in the room.
- Mrs. Cantwell is trying to keep the Kitchen Resource Room open because it is needed and utilized for a variety of purposes.
- The Team Leaders are reviewing digital tools and programs that may be beneficial next year.
- One portable will be reserved for the science lab next year.
- The portables were moved into place today; recess on the front field will resume tomorrow.
- Fourth grade will be moving into the new portables next year.

Public Question Period

- How do you feel about hiring for next year? Ms. Cantwell responded, “Great!” She stated that she is getting resume’s daily and has already started the hiring process.
- Mrs. Cantwell did note that some of the potential teachers are having trouble relocating or finding affordable housing in the area.
- Next year may we have a crossing guard or an officer during carline (parent drop-off/pickup)? Mrs. Cantwell stated that we are not allocated a crossing guard and this concern has been addressed numerous times with the county and district.

Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by L. Farese; J. Tiedeberg seconded the motion.

Motion Passed