

**Ocean Palms Elementary  
School Advisory Council Meeting  
Kitchen Resource Room  
October 20, 2022**

**Meeting Convened:** 3:17pm

**Adjourned:** 4:13pm

**Attendance:** S. Mcveigh, E. McCall, L. Blaich, S. Fannin, J. Tiedeberg, K. Barrera, T. Cantwell, T. Kennedy, J. Sheen, J. Sellers, L. Brubaker, C. Roach, L. Farese, B. Johnson, A. Bergamasco

**Excused:** O. Pellegrino, N. Choudhry

**Call to order:** 3:15pm

**Welcome Members:** Welcome to all members and guests. Please be sure to sign in. Thank you for attending.

Introductions:

SAC Chair: Sarah McVeigh

Secretary: Elizabeth McCall

**Review Minutes from the September 15, 2022 Meeting**

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

*Motion Passed*

**Approve Agenda for the October 20, 2022 Meeting**

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

*Motion Passed*

**Current Financial Report – S. Mcveigh**

There is a balance of \$480.33

**District Update – S. Mcveigh**

- Ink- Shared Investing In Kids Information: <https://ink-stjohns.org/>
  - The Jail Break 5K is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Holiday Tree Campaign at the Old Trolley.
  - Donors Choose Match Projects- 55 projects have been funded; 61 active projects are currently available
  - Tools4Schools- Teachers can place orders for needed school supplies
  - Make a Mark Program- Nominate a Teacher
- Safety Review:
  - Every school has a law enforcement officer in SJCSO
  - Our district has a partnership with Saint Johns Sheriffs Office.

- Our school and district is training substitutes to use the badges.
- Discussed the Fortify App; there were 58 tips as of October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Centegix is a new way to lockdown the school.
- Exemplary School District during Hurricane Ian
  - Principals ran three school shelters.
  - No details about potential hurricane makeup days.
- Growth Management- There has been an 11% increase over the last two years in student enrollment in St. Johns County School District.
- Three K-8 school buildings are in progress; cost of materials is increasing.
- Transportation with charter busses and school busses are challenging, based on need for drivers.
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> is the last field trip date
  - SJCSO part time and flexible with times for hiring bus drivers
  - Offering sign on bonuses
  - Our districts pay for the CDL
- School Recognition Funds- OPE is receiving School Recognition Funds
- School Recognition voting results:
  - Bonus money will be distributed to the 2021-2022 instructional and non-instructional employees only, regardless of their current employment status.
  - 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.

### **Principal's Update – T. Cantwell**

- Ocean Palms Elementary School Currently has 920 Students
- OPE is in need of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, ESE teacher, and Custodian
- OPE has a high pre-K student enrollment.
- Site License Update: OPE is not purchasing IXL
- OPE will have Professional Development Opportunities on the different programs and licenses.
- Fall Family Nigh/Open House:
  - There were over 600 cups of slime poured on volunteers.
  - Parents and students had a great time.
  - Received positive feedback from parents and teachers.
- Otter Run:
  - We met our first goal!
  - Approved Volunteers are able to attend the Otter Run this year.
- The class size legislation provides flexibility provisions which allow the following:  
Students enrolling on or after October 18<sup>th</sup> may be assigned to an existing class that exceeds the class size maximum if the School Board determines it to be impractical, educationally unsound,

or disruptive to student learning to not assign the student to the class. The class size limits may be exceeded as follows:

- K-3: Up to 3 additional students
- 4-12: Up to 5 additional students
- It **does not apply** to students being accelerated in the same school.

At the October meeting, the School Board approved using these Class Size flexibility provisions.

### **Public Question Period**

- Our School District is currently paying \$1,898,432 out of pocket for 43 SJSO deputies,
- Are the schools on schedule? Yes, as of right now the planning and building expectation is on schedule.
- Ms. Barrera expressed the importance of keeping the focus on education and valuing educators.
- Human Resources is working with colleges to hire new teachers.
- New teachers at OPE have had the opportunity to observe other teachers and many have expressed they appreciate our school culture.
- Ms. Shore, recognized for her amazing job with the morning announcements and teaching students the different morning announcement roles during a short period of time.

### **Adjourned**

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

*Motion Passed*