

**Ocean Palms Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Kitchen Resource Room
January 18, 2024**

Meeting Convened: 3:15pm

Adjourned: 4:12pm

Attendance: S. McVeigh, J. Frein, L. Blaich, T. Cantwell, J. Sheen, J. Sellers, L. Farese, F. Pellegrino, S. Rendzio, C. Savy, E. Randolph, J. Werba

Excused: J. Dean, D. Lobos, C. Roach

Call to order: 3:17pm

Welcome New Members:

Welcome! Please be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

Review Minutes from 12/7/2023:

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

Motion Passed

Approve Agenda for 1/18/2024

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

Motion Passed

Current Financial Report – J. Frein

There is a balance of \$4,175.00

SAC Survey - S. McVeigh

- The OPE SAC is responsible for 2 Surveys: Staff and Parents/Guardians
- We have district required questions and SAC is able to write our own additional questions.
- By keeping the same questions we are able to compare data year to year.
- Our response rate expectations set by district is: 20% for parents; 60% for faculty and staff
- Last year we incentivized grade levels and staff. Staff will receive chips and salsa and students will earn extra recess.
- The SAC Survey questions helps guide the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and make school based decisions.
- The district window for the survey is February 1st – March 28th. As a school we voted last year to reduce the survey window.

Motion to reduce the survey window to Monday, February 12th, 2024– Wednesday, February 28nd, 2024 was made by J. Sellers; J. Werba seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Motion to use the same questions as last year for the 2023-2024 SAC Staff Survey was made by J. Werba; L. Farese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Motion to incentivize the completion of the 2023-2024 SAC Parent Survey by grade level with the highest response was made by L. Farese; J. Werba seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Motion to incentivize the completion of the 2023-2024 SAC Staff Survey with a minimum response rate of 75% was made by J. Sellers; L. Werba seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Draft Ballot for the School Recognition Funds- S. McVeigh

- SAC requests input from all staff members on a draft ballot.
- Then SAC approves the official ballot.
- The staff will then vote on using the SAC approved ballot.
- Each selection must have 51% of the staff's approval.
- Results of staff vote will be shown to SAC for the final approval.
- School Recognition Funds Plans are due to the district by May 10, 2024.

Motion to use the same School Recognition Funds Draft Ballot as last year's approved ballot, to the staff with the amended current dates, was made by J. Werba; L. Farese seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Focus Group Update- S. McVeigh

- INK is hosting the TOY and ROY celebration on Feb 1st.
- There were 23 schools that decorated trees for the Holiday Tree contest.
- District & Legislative Updates – There is no campaigning on school property. If a situation arises or you have questions regarding something on your school property you can call the non – emergency number for SJCSO.
- Update on Legislative session:
 - 62 education bills filed thus far, 3 bills filed for deregulation which details requirements for 3rd grade retention, reduce controlled open enrollment (move to twice a year)
 - The Governors budget has increased allocations for Mental health.
 - A bill for Teacher training/mentoring program and increase in pay
 - If you have questions or would like more information you can contact Logan Lowry – SJCSO government relations <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gr/> There is additional information regarding the bills if you visit the Florida house or Florida Senate online.
- SJCSO will send out communication regarding the ½ cent sales tax (toward building of new schools) and extra millage (increasing teacher salaries) for the 2024 ballot
- School grades have been released released– new assessment system
 - OPE 2023 rating “A” <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/index.shtml>
 - 2 charter schools that are trying to open in SJCSO that are replicating Duval Charter at Baymeadows K-8 model. The schools are being constructed by Renaissance. The locations are to be determined. Both will be K-8 with upward

of 960 students within first 2 years opening. The schools are projected to open in the fall of 2025 and any family will have access to those schools. More information regarding the charter schools will be discussed at the January Board Meeting.

Principal's Update – T. Cantwell

- Mrs. Cantwell discussed what vendors could be used possibly in the future with the new guidelines potentially based off the PTO Networking meeting.
- Mrs. Cantwell shared thoughts and suggestions from members for how to help our fifth graders prepare for middle school. Mrs. Cantwell asked what students use in middle school regarding supplies and the mentality of “living out of a backpack.”
- The use of Schoology was brought discussed and how it is different from elementary school to middle school. Mrs. Cantwell wanted to know what was more important for parents that students are able to log in to HAC or Schoology? Students should become familiar with logging in to HAC to keep track of grades.
- Mrs. Cantwell and teachers discussed the use of Khan Academy as a mathematical resource versus DreamBox. Khan Academy is used heavily in middle school math classes. It can be used to help remediate previously taught standards.
- Mrs. Cantwell asked if any additional parents would like to be a part of the science textbook committee. If you would, please reach out to Mrs. Cantwell.
- Mrs. Cantwell would like to personalize each hallway in our building to help with directing parents. The hallways would have a name and color to help.

Public Question Period

Adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Sellers; J. Werba