

**Ocean Palms Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Kitchen Resource Room
November 7, 2024**

Meeting Convened: 3:15pm **Adjourned:** 4:06pm

SAC Members:

SAC Member	Present	Absent
Lisa Blaiich	x	
Tiffany Cantwell		X
Jennifer Dean	x	
Lisa Farese	x	
Jill Frein	x	
Faie Pellegrino	x	
Cara Roach		x
Jill Sheen		x
Jennifer Werba	x	
Stacey Mayer	x	
Sierra Boyce	x	
Becky Rosetti	x	
Julie Roberts		x
Robyn Carr	x	
Quorum met with at least 51% of total members present: YES		

Guests Present: Jenny Fitch, Kim Bays, Kelly Barrera

Excused: A. Bergamasco, T. Cantwell

Call to order: 3:15

Reminders: Please be sure to sign in.

Welcome Members: Welcome to all members and guests. Thank you for attending today's meeting.

Review Minutes from the October 17, 2024, Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Mayer; S. Boyce seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Approve Agenda for the November 7, 2024, Meeting

Motion to approve the agenda was made by L. Farese; J. Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Current Financial Report – J. Frein

SAC Program 102- \$638.46

SAC Program 805- \$4, 215.07

Total: \$4,853.53

Funds Request- J. Frein

Mrs. Fitch presented a funds request in the amount of \$2,750.00 for guest speaker Greg Tang, a renowned author and math educator, to speak with all Kindergarten-5th grade Ocean Palms Students.

Motion to approve \$2,750.00 was made by L. Farese; J. Werba seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

District Update- F. Pellegrino

F. Pellegrino attending a district meeting where Mr. Forson shared district celebrations and reviewed our Strategic Plan for 2023-2028.

- Mr. Forson spoke about some of the work that has already been done or is beginning to be implemented in each area.
- Stakeholder Communication and Engagement:
 - New this year is option to opt out of school messenger vs. opt in to reach more people
- Teacher and Staff Recruitment and Retention
 - St. Johns County has an 85% retention rate of teachers; 1200 (1/3) of teachers in our system are on alternate certification. They have been holding more recruitment fairs, having targeting recruitment campaigns, looking at ways to expand mentorship and professional learning
- Student Voice
 - It's about offering students an opportunity to explore, reflect, and give feedback on self-directed learning for interests in education, academics, career and college readiness. There is a new program for middle school students, Xello- a career interest survey that will follow them through high school. It lets them see career opportunities based on their interested—helps them to see if there may be an academy of interest.
- Student Academic Growth
 - Last year our district scored 1st in 16/21 assessment areas in the state. St. Johns and Sarasota Counties have been the only school districts with an 'A' grade since the inception of school grades.
 - Currently there are 52,000 students in St. Johns County Schools.
- Technology:
 - New laptops are coming for teachers this year with a tech refresh thanks to the half cent sales tax.

Principal's Update – F. Pellegrino

Mrs. Cantwell was unable to attend today's meeting because she was at a required district meeting. However, she provided updates for Mrs. Pellegrino to share with SAC.

District comparison data from FAST progress monitoring 1 (Fall 2024). 44% of Ocean Palms Kindergarten-5th grade students scored a level 3 or higher in ELA and 25% of students scored a level 3 or higher in math.

School Recognition Funds have been submitted to the district. We entered our data in the first wave, so staff will receive their funds in their November 26th paycheck. A full share will be a little over \$1,000 before taxes and benefits.

The next SAC meeting is on Thursday, December 12th from 9:00-11:00. SAC members will be invited to participate in classroom walk throughs and a SAC meeting will follow. While classroom walkthroughs are limited to SAC members, the SAC meeting is open to the public.

Public Question Period

Kelly Barrera shared the outcome of the mileage referendum vote.

21 out of 22 school districts in Florida passed a mileage referendum.

Mr. Forson will be retiring end of the school year. Recruitment for a new superintendent will be across the country. The search will actively start in January, and it is a six-month process.

Adjourned

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

Motion Passed

Adjourned: 4:06pm

Notes Scribed by: Lisa Blaich

