

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL AGENDA -February 23, 2023

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:
Treat everyone with respect and courtesy. Listen to others respectfully.
Agree to disagree, and don't make it personal; discuss the issue, not the person.
Keep an open mind and, if merited, allow yourself to be persuaded to change your opinion.
Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the best decisions.
Accept responsibility and maintain self-control.
NORMAS DE CONDUCTA QUE PROMUEVEN LA CIVILIDAD EN TODAS LAS REUNIONES PÚBLICAS:
Mantener la mente abierta, y si la ocasión lo amerita, permitir ser persuadido a cambiar de opinión. Reconocer el disenso como un derecho cívico y como una herramienta para tomar las mejores decisiones. Aceptar la responsabilidad y mantener el autocontrol.
Tratar a todas las personas con respeto y cortesía.
Escuchar a los demás de manera respetuosa.
Aceptar las diferencias y no tomarlas de forma personal; debatir el asunto, no la persona.

AGENDA

1. Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM. In attendance - Stefanie Schwartz, Valerie Nario, Nancy Gutierrez, Martha Chacon, Katherine Newall, Charity Burton, Zakiya, Laura Hernandez and Blaine Pope.
2. Approval of Minutes for 1/26/23 - Minutes were adopted as presented by Martha
3. Review updated SPSA 2022-2023 (additional Title I funds). Martha updated the new Site Council members
 - Because of the new updated funding - Martha updated the SPSA. Martha presented it last week to the Board. The below outlines the three Big Buckets
 - ACADEMICS - Kagan Strategies - outlining additional learning strategies
 - Instructional Coaches
 - English Language support (JAMS has another new student from Portugal)
 - Tier 3 intervention for Reading and Math
 - ENGAGEMENT - Compassionate Systems Learning - how does the system allow for changes to occur? Four teachers will go this training.
 - PARENT EDUCATION - Restorative Justice and Mental Health Counselor
4. Work on 2023-2024 SPSA

- We began reviewing GOAL #3 -
 - LCAP's GOAL - All Students and Families Engage in Safe, Well-Maintained Schools that are Culturally Responsive, and Conducive to 21st Century Learning.
 - Students who are absent - how can we support the student to attend school? School creates a contract with the student and can provide; Tutors, Mental Health, Accommodation
 - Student Absence Review Board - this is an extreme level that involves multi-City Services
 - The severe chronic absences have been increasing not just JAMS but it is State wide.
 - JAMS teachers commented that it is hard for the students to catch up on missed work.
 - Chronically tardy also seems to make it hard for students to catch up on their work. Teachers are also noticing that students are not making up the missed work at home.
 - The reasons for students to miss school are vast and can vary from a parent being home sick without any other resources to get them to school, no money for gas, to a student "too stressed" to be at school.
 - Martha would like to increase the calls home to parents to find out why are their child not attending, encourage teachers to incentivize the students to attend.
5. Tier II Social Emotional Intervention Groups
 - Grade Level Counselors
 - Counseling groups (JAMS counselors/interns)
 - Counseling Groups (St. John's)
 - 838 kids on campus - 10-15% of kids use services
 - Many of the services have self-referral options
 - Sometimes it is hard for our families if they do not have Medicare but an HMO and might not be able to be covered by St. John's
 - If the need is really high JAMS will reach out to St. John's for additional interns
 - TIER III Intervention
 - MSST- Middle School Support Team
 6. Special Education Services
 7. Santa Monica Police Department Diversion Program
 8. Additional Off Campus Support
 - St. John's
 - Family Services of Santa Monica
 - Our House
 - Edelman Mental Health Services
 - Clare/Matrix
 - Guide Parents to additional agencies
 - Katherine asked if school notices if kids feel any stigma or fear of being teased. Frankie thought it was not that they were being teased but they might hesitate to join.
 - Nancy talked about how to teach kids to want to join because they realize it would be good fit for them - she provides security of their privacy.

- Site Council members asked if we dropped the word “counseling” and call it a club or group. Martha will ask the counselors what they think of re-wording the programming.
9. Since the Pandemic the demand for services has skyrocketed.
 10. Update on Controlled Substances Parent and Student Education
 - Parent Education - parent panel. Lana Negrete is helping organize with Admin
 - PTSA (Tova Larsen, PTSA rep is helping to work with Admin)
 - March 20th - Parent Education night. Will offer childcare and food so that it will make it easier for parents to attend
 11. Learning Walk with Site Council. Martha did just an administration Learning Walk on Differentiated Learning Walk.
 - March 22 or March 24 - 9am - 11:30am or 12:30pm - 2:00pm
 12. Public Comments
 - Charity brought up the fact that students are using really mean words against each other. What can we do to help teach them how to speak kinder to each other.
 - Restorative words with kids so they can understand how hurtful the words were to their fellow classmate.
 - Equip kids with how they can behave in class. Better word choices.
 - Kids have become a little numb to the words. They feel it does not mean as much as others. What do the words mean?
 13. Future Items
 14. Adjourn Meeting - 5:38PM

2022/2023 SITE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are held in Room 13

- 3/23
- 4/27
- 5/18