

John Adams Middle School
School Site Council Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Conference Room 12

Compiled by Valerie Nario

Attendance:

Martha Chacon, Blaine Pope, Franklin Thomas, Valerie Nario, Nancy Gutierrez, Zakiya, Katherine Newall, Stefanie Schwartz, and Laura Hernandez

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. 2/23/2023 – adopted as presented
3. Title I Parent and Family Engagement – Presented by Martha
 - a. Martha reviewed document and council added information as needed
 - b. How we as a school engage parents and families
 - c. Available on JAMS website and hard copy available
 - d. Council will adopt as part of SPSA
 - e. Title I meeting must be advertised to all families
 - f. Site council, PTA, and ELAC will review every year
 - g. Provide for opportunities for parents to participate in decision making ti the education of their children
 - h. Provide parents with understanding of state academic standards, assessments, and how to monitor achievement of their children
 - i. Discussion of bringing back School Smarts (parent training/workshop)
 - j. Identify potential barriers (why parents are not showing up)
 - k. Feedback can help inform policy
4. Title 1 Parent Compact
 - a. Martha reviewed document and council added information as needed
 - b. Very similar to Title I Parent and Family Engagement – Presented by Martha
5. Zakiya made motion to approve Title I Parent and Family Engagement and Title 1 Parent Compact. Blane second the motion
6. **Unanimous vote** – yes, Title I Parent and Family Engagement and Title 1 Parent Compact Approved
7. LCAP Goal 3 (Attendance)
 - a. Focus: absenteeism
 - b. SLT met last week, they wanted to dig deeper
 - c. How do we engage students in a well-maintained, emotionally, academically, and socially safe environment?
 - d. How do we create a sense of belonging for all? – reviewed current strategies in place
 - e. Variety of reasons kids are not coming to school
 - f. Reviewed current district strategies for attendance
 - i. Tier I: School-wide
 1. Calls, texts, A2A letters, L2 letters

- ii. Tier 2: small group
 - 1. SART: Student Attendance Review Team
 - iii. Tier 3: Individual
 - 1. SARB: Student Attendance Board Review
- g. What do we do at JAMS?
- h. Chronic and severe chronic absenteeism has increased
- i. PSA counselors and social workers
- j. Sharing data with parents/families
- k. Teacher-Student relationships/connections
- l. Admin team work with counselors to brainstorm and make a plan
- m. Building relationship with school resource officer(s) (Officer Angel)
- n. Franklin shares his input (student voice)
 - i. One thing goes bad and that is it (mental reason, too scared to come to school, peer issues, academics)
 - ii. Teaching coping skills
 - iii. Culture of the school
 - 1. How people treat each other (student to student)
 - iv. Assemblies
 - 1. Being nice
 - 2. Awareness of how to treat others
 - 3. 8th graders talk to 6th graders
 - 4. 6th graders talk to 7th graders
- o. Discussion around mental health “break space,” do kids know about it
- p. Creating calm corners in the classrooms
- 8. Learning Walk for School Site Council
 - a. Focus: differentiated instruction
 - b. 4/18, 4/19, 4/20
 - c. 8:30 – 11:30
- 9. Parent Ed
 - a. Social media focused
 - b. Resurface group
 - c. Dangers of Fentanyl
 - d. Controlled substance awareness support group (interest)
 - e. CLARE Matrix gave presentation to 7th graders, will come back to give presentation to 6th graders
- 10. Next Meeting 4/27/2023
- 11. Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm