

School Site Council  
John Adams Middle School  
September 28, 2023

The meeting is called to order 4:08 pm

**Attendance:**

Katherine Newall (parent), Charity Burton (parent), Valerie Nario (Certificated), Stefanie Schwartz (Certificated), Martha Chacon (Principal), Anne Watts (Classified), Nancy Gutierrez (Certified), Student (pending election), Gabrielle Hernandez (invited guest) - cannot vote. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the end of the meeting

Approval of minutes - May 25, 2023

- Minutes from the 5/25/23 meeting were reviewed and adopted as presented
- Made some edits and added missing information (renaming counseling groups, math guidance, extra support) - amendments made
- **All agreeing and meetings approved as presented**

Overview of the Site Governance Council

- Need to do site council training every year
  - Understanding our role
  - Who is the chairperson? Katherine Newall
  - Martha reviewed the duties of the different roles
  - Need proper ratio (right composition of size), school staff and parents should be even
  - Quorum (51% voting member)
  - Help inform the school, decisions made that best meet our kids
  - Continue working on the school site plan (glows/grows)
  - As a group, we develop the SPSA
  - JAMS is a targeted assistance Title I school
  - Review 7 steps for developing the SPSA
    - analyze student achievement data
    - measure the effectiveness of current strategies
    - identify goals and key improvements
    - define timelines, personnel, and expenditures
    - recommend the SPSA to the local governing board
    - implement SPSA
    - monitor implementation
  - No vacancies on site council
  - There needs to be a code of ethics paragraph on the agenda
  - Add open forum, new business, and opportunities for question needs to be on the agenda
  - Need to vote on a secretary (tabled, and will be voted on next meeting)

## Data Review

- English Language Arts (CAASPP)
  - By grade level
  - English Language Learners
  - Latinx
  - African American/Black
  - SED (socio-economically disadvantaged)
  - Special Education
- Math (CAASPP)
  - By grade level
  - English Language Learners
  - Latinx
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  - Special Education
- Science (CAST)
- Attendance
  - Have a 3-tiered attendance intervention plan in place, being executed, home visits are happening
  - Students who have mental health difficulties are being offered services
  - Katherine would like to add the following to the next agenda: how do we support the mental health side of things? Where is the support needed? (i.e. eating disorders, etc.) How do we support the community? How do we support parents?
  - Charity: How do we support the socio-economically disadvantaged families at school? How do we break that cycle at school?
  - A lot of anxiety, COVID has had a huge impact, and it is still affecting the students, when kids are absent they do not attempt to make up work (not in their mindset), mind of kids they cannot manage or control what is in the environment but they can control what they eat
  - Severe Chronic absenteeism
    - Triangulate Data: attendance, grades, kids story, test scores (severe chronic)
    - Make personal connections with students and families
    - Collaborate with other team members
    - Create a success plan with goals and monitor
  - Chronic absenteeism
    - The focus is on prevention, education, support
    - Triangulate Data: attendance, grades, kids story, test scores (severe chronic)
    - Collaborate with other team members
    - Monitor students

Charity shares what about bringing a college day to campus. Stefanie shares that college discussion is built into the AVID curriculum. Students need more choices like trade school, tech school, and more.

#### Public Comments

- Gabrielle is excited to hear about everything we discuss.

#### Future Items

- Next time discuss how math in advisory is going
- Adding Zoom links to meeting invites, Katherine shares we should ask about adding Zoom links into our by-laws, because when we go to vote, voters need to be in person in the room where we hold our meeting, see if the state added amendments to standing rules where if we are allowed to add a zoom link if our group agrees, state that oversees all site council might have some language to add

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm