

John Adams Middle School
School Site Council Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2022
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room 13

Compiled by Katherine Newall

Attendance:

Martha Chacon, Kearia Finnell, Nancy Gutierrez, Laura Hernandez, Valerie Nario, Katherine Newall, Stefanie Schwartz, Zakiya, Franklin Thomas. Charity Burton arrived at 4:45 so was not present for any of the adoption of minutes or Election of Officers. Dr. Eure joined as a guest.

- 1) Call the Meeting to Order
- 2) Introduce & Welcome to our new Site Council Member - Franklin Thomas (8th grade parent)
- 3) Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a) 10.28.22 Meeting - Adopted as presented as presented with the date change to 10.27.22
 - b) 6.2.22 Meeting - Adopted as presented
- 4) Review and Adopt the revised Site Council Bylaws -
 - a) Zakiya motioned to approved
 - b) 2nd motion made
 - c) Approved by all
- 5) Election of Officers -
 - a) Chairperson - Katherine nominated herself for Chairperson. Martha Nominated Katherine - unanimously approved
 - b) Vice Chair - Zakiya nominated - Katherine 2nd the motion. Mrs. Schwartz won the nomination. unanimously approved
 - c) Secretary - Nancy nominated Kearia, Franklin 2nd the motion. Kearia nominated as Secretary. unanimously approved
- 6) Safety Plan - Presented by Dr. Eure - commended the group for having a well-represented group on the committee
 - a) Passed out Highlights of the JAMS Comprehensive School Safety Plan
 - i) Reminder to the 6th graders PE teachers about being kind. Keeping their hands to themselves
 - ii) Restorative Justice - what is good for kids? Trying to move away from suspending kids
 - iii) Cameras on campus - all around the school
 - iv) Reactive and Proactive - Martha mentioned school has been bringing in our partners to help support their efforts. Doing more Parent Information.

- (1) Administration is trying to figure out why kids are doing what they are doing if it is drug related or attention seeking behavior.
 - b) Zakiya asked what is BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color). She expressed concern of why are we calling people BIPOC. Change the narrative around our students - as this takes away their identity. She asked we call people who they are but not use an acronym.
 - c) Dr. Eure pointed out security officers from 7:00 - 3:30pm
 - d) PE teachers were trained on mindfulness - need to get better about focusing on this more
 - e) Dr. Eure - Clubs are a bit hit.
 - f) Dr. Eure - Parent Ed night, Cafecito, PTA, ASB we might bring back Coffee with the Principal
 - g) Kids need to make a personal connection with an adult on campus. It can a huge difference.
 - h) Discussing bringing back Awards Assembly
 - i) How do we support students on campus.
 - j) Classroom behavior and standards
 - k) Demerit system - if students can participate in school related activities.
 - l) Dress Code words - replace it with the words Appropriate Attire. Trying to make sure students do not feel shameful of their body by the language used around dressing for school.
 - m) Dr. Eure stated we are looking to get the JAMS Comprehensive School Safety Plan does need to go to the board. Katherine asked with the current plan being presented is there any
 - n) Zakiya made a Motion to approve the JAMS Comprehensive Safety Plan as presented. Kearia 2nd the Motion. The Motion was Approved by all. The Site Council members will provide their signature as approved.
- 7) Review SARC - Martha mentioned that she will include information on every agenda. The Litmus Test on all agendas.
 - a) Diversity + Equity + Inclusion
 - b) The District has to input a lot of information into the document online
 - c) JAMS Mission Statement - revising this and looking how things are worded from what the adults can do to support students.
 - d) The school enrollment has dropped the last couple of years. Something many schools around the country have experience.
 - e) Martha has really spent time to provide a very comprehensive overview of JAMS to be included.
 - f) Wellness lounge continues to be used by many groups. But for those students who do not engage in any of those programs they miss out. Martha asked what we thought about creating quiet corners for kids to just go and catch their breath. Franklin as a student representative was asked what would kids want - and what could we call this space that kids might be willing to go? Franklin stated he did not even know the library was open during lunch time. It is only open during 6th and 7th grade lunch not 8th grade. Franklin thought kids would really appreciate a "space" to go. Something that makes kids feel confident Martha mentioned that the library will be going under construction next year. Franklin is going to talk to his fellow students to think about a good name for the space. We talked about a possible "Naming Contest" for the space. And a place to incorporate showcasing PTA Reflection winners.

- g) Charity asked Martha - "how does school implement the Mindfulness programs". It is implemented via PE teachers.
 - h) Martha wants to bring back Parent Eyes.
 - i) This is away for parents to be involved.
 - ii) Best way for parents to get involved is through PTA
 - iii) Musical Theatre
 - iv) Volunteer field trips
 - i) Martha discussed how teachers are continuing to learn and grow as educators. Below are some site specific development
 - i) SLT Meetings
 - ii) PLC Department meetings
 - iii) Full staff professional development
 - iv) Speakers on Social emotional meetings
 - v) Nurse will come into speak about students well being
 - j) Zakiya asked how do the Classified staff receive their training? Martha mentioned they are being included in a lot more of their onsite meetings. It would be helpful to have more parent volunteer help to provide time for Classified staff to attend trainings if possible.
- 8) Title 1 - 40.21% JAMS on free/reduced lunch is the only school in the district that has made it this year for this school year.
- a) Title 1 Funding
 - i) Initial allocation - \$270k. Martha discussed what the money was able to provide.
 - ii) Total allocation \$540k. Martha talked what the new money will support and Math will be the largest focus. (1) extra EL teacher
 - iii) \$5,456 must be spent on parent education
- 1) Begin Review of the 2023-24 SPSA
- a) Review the Mission/Vision of the school
 - b) Review School Profile
 - c) Parent/community involvement programs/opportunities
 - d) Review Fall IAB Math and IAB ELA results - Martha went through some basic data on the current CAASPP Math Data. There continues to be a big drop in Math performance in 8th grade. The EL learner in Math across the board is really struggling with Math.
 - e) Review EL reclassification
 - f) ELA CAASPP for EL is better than the Math scores overall.

Martha would like to add support for EL students during period 4.

MOTION

- Katherine made a motion to "Provide Funding of up to \$30k for (1) teacher to provide an extra period of EL support. Charity 2nd the motion.
- The motion was approved 12.15.22

- Zakiya would like to know what are we doing to support student writing programs. And what about physical writing - grammar.

10. Public Comment -

Charity wanted to share how great the Catalina trip. It was amazing. Congratulations to the teachers and science magnet program.

11. Adjourn Meeting - 6PM was adjourned

2022/2023 SITE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are held in Room 13

- 9/29
- 10/27
- 12/15
- 1/26
- 2/23
- 3/23
- 4/27
- 5/18