

James Weldon Johnson Middle
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SAC Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016

Topics Discussed

SAC chair

Would like to have one goal for SAC that we can be sure we accomplish within the term. SAC will determine that goal and use SIP as a guide.

Ms. Bush's report

1. Update to School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Ms. Bush reported the administration is finishing up the last portion and then SAC will be able to review it. Our first draft is due Oct. 30.

2. The New A/B calendar required after the hurricane is being completed to post on the website.

3. Shared Decision Making (SDM) is a group of teachers representing each grade and department that meet on issues for the school with administration. There is a PTSA rep. We discussed option of having a SAC rep at the meetings, or have someone come to our meetings to report on the results.

Ms. Wrightwhite is the SAC SDM rep. Ms. Peterson is the faculty SAC rep.

Principal's Report

1. Culture/Climate is goal #1 – courtyard and cafeteria improvement

Would like 2-3 SAC representatives to do the campus walk with the goal of making the school feel more inviting and collegiate. These reps can walk other campuses to discover the advantages and disadvantages of different configurations. Vickie Kelley addressed the middle school student's need for group involvement as being different from high school student's needs. Leslie, Vicki and Karen volunteered, schedules permitting.

2. Instruction is goal #2. Administration is evaluating grading to make sure it reflects level of proficiency vs. behavioral or other issues. Partnering with Stanton/Paxon to review curriculum standards in subjects where there is only 1 teacher. The goal is to ensure that each student improves to reflect a school year of learning. Reviewing standards, curriculum, readiness for Stanton/Paxon, college and beyond.

3 Discussed having a SAC workshop for clarity of purpose.

4. Must recruit 2 Asian SAC representatives so the SAC populations more closely reflects the student population. Brainstormed finding more 6th grade

- parents to fill these spots, for continuity. Checking bylaws to ensure SAC members can vote via email, to make it easier to recruit new members.
5. Gallup polls from the students is almost completed. SAC will get a report of the results.
 6. Student Government has been elected and we will have a student government representative at our SAC meetings.

Testing Coordinator Ms. Menard requested SAC fund for headsets for the students who do not have them for testing. We discussed ear buds vs headsets with regard to cleanliness and the ability to sanitize. Ms. Mendard will review options and provide more information for SAC to vote next month.

PTSA Liaison

1. Discussed rowing as an option for middle school, expensive, but scholarships are available for students who row.
2. Square approval for credit card payments
3. No social media accounts may be set up for JWJ
4. Alice in the Looking Glass – movie night. Discussed having a waiver for parents approving the viewing of PG movie
5. High School classes that are honors are weighted, the others are not.
6. Vision/Hearing Screening – need more volunteers

9:45 Meeting Adjourned