

**JOSEPH FINEGAN ELEMENTARY**  
**SAC Minutes - 10 Sep 2019**

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**Attendance:**

ALISON DOCKINS (Parent), SHARON KASICA (School Liaison Officer), LYNN BERTRAM (MFLC), KAREN BRAY (MFLC), SANGUIFIE MILEON (Parent), ELIESE KEITH (School Counselor), DON MORGAN (Beaches Resource Center), LAURA ACKER (Beaches Resource Center), JENNIFER BEALE-COLLIER (Assistant Principal), LINDSEY CONNOR (Principal), JACQUELINE JOHNSON (Parent), LANI FOLSOM (PTA Treasurer), TRACY JONES (PTA President), KRISTI GAMBRELL (Parent), JAMES MAXWELL (Teacher), CHRISTINE HALDENWANG (SAC Co-Chair, Parent), DANA CARPENTER (SAC Co-chair, Parent)

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Joseph Finegan Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Family Resource Room on 10 September 2019. Chairman Christine Haldenwang called the meeting to order at 8:48am. Dana Carpenter will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

Sharon Kasica motions to approve the minutes of May 2019 and the special meeting held on June 2019 with the following corrections: 4 June 2019 meeting labeled with wrong year (2017). Motion seconded by Jennifer Collier. Unanimous approval of minutes, voice vote.

**Old Business:**

1. Co-Chairs
  - a. Christine Haldenwang and Dana Carpenter are SAC Co-Chairs
2. School Improvement Funds
  - a. Voted on from emergency meeting to be budgeted for Golden Anchor Shirts

**New Business:**

1. Test Scores (Visual Provided)
  - a. Growth in 3 of the 5 areas. Dip in scores in reading proficiency and BQ growth,
    - i. Interventionists (Barbatelli and Schweitzer) working with BQ students in groups
    - ii. Focus on bringing up those who are not proficient as well as enriching those who are proficient
    - iii. Reading focus
2. Student Numbers and Resource
  - a. Currently at 351 students. Need 361 to have resource classes full time. District uses the numbers taken from the 10 day count.
    - i. Teachers are doing a great job of incorporating resource time on the resource off-weeks
    - ii. Coach Pashley plans organized play for teacher directed PE
    - iii. Student loss possibly due to Charter School enrollment
    - iv. Focus on positive social media promotion of Joseph Finegan
      1. Share all of the wonderful things that happen here
    - v. Sharon Kasica - Looking at Impact Aid numbers and what that can do for Finegan
3. By-Laws
  - a. Motion to approve the By-Laws by Sharon Kasica, second by Lynn Bertram, unanimous approval of By-Laws, voice vote
4. Changes to 4th Grade
  - a. There are small enrollment numbers in the 4th and 5th average of students which could force us to surplus a teacher

5. Wellness Wednesdays
  - a. Every Early Release Day the teachers will use a curriculum and video combination that takes 30 minutes or less
6. New Safety Procedures
  - a. Safety is very important to the superintendent.
  - b. Safety measures are being strictly adhered to and are extremely important to our school

#### **Reports:**

1. MFLC - Bertram/Bray
  - a. Anchored 4 Life partnership with South African orphanage continuing
  - b. Peer led homework groups beginning soon
  - c. Lunch Bunches in full swing
  - d. Trevor Romain and Anchored 4 Life staff coming in early October
2. School Liaison Office - Sharon Kasica
  - a. Presented brochures regarding Navy Digital Library and other resources that will aid military kids
3. PTA - Tracy Jones
  - a. T-Shirt Sales have gone well. Next rollout will be after winter break
  - b. Smencils and B-day grams are for sale
  - c. Birthday Marquee Fundraiser is year round
  - d. Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser at Atlantic and Hodges on 16 September, use the mobile app, 5-9pm
  - e. Penny Wars starts on Sep 16th
  - f. Membership drive ends September 20th

#### **Open Agenda:**

1. Free and Reduced Lunch Applications - Dana Carpenter and Lindsey Connor
  - a. Push to be filled out by everyone
  - b. Benefits include more than lunch which include funds for coaches, interventionists, tutors, resources and computers
2. BRC (Beaches Resource Center) - Laura Acker and Don Morgan
  - a. Free social services for Beaches area schools
  - b. Located at Fletcher High
  - c. Full time therapist
  - d. Go through Mrs. Keith for referrals to BRC
    - i. If BRC is full there are other resources through DCPS
  - e. Biggest fundraiser is Oct 19th at the Lemon Bar Luau
  - f. Always looking for representatives for Oversight Committees (Oct 7th at 1:30pm)
    - i. First Monday of the every month
  - g. Pushing to have groups sooner in the year
  - h. Art of Family
3. Mrs. Connor looking for volunteers for grounds beautification

#### **Next Meeting Date & Time**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 in the Family Resource Room.

#### **Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Christine Haldenwang motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am. Motion carried unanimously.

*Submitted by,*

*Dana Carpenter*

*SAC Co-Chair*

*10 September 2019*

