

**Julington Creek Elementary**  
**School Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Thursday September 8, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Foster welcomed everyone to the September SAC meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Amy Grimm; Natalie Densmore; Linda Piscatella; Lindy Birkelbach; Cathy Apolinario; Dana Johnston; Allison Olson; Susan Foster

**Guests in Attendance:** Lisa Lewis; Megan Semmler; Tina Motley; Patricia Thomas; Susan Simmons, Lara Pierce; Ingrid Jones

**SAC Minutes:** The May minutes will be read at the October meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Apolinario reported that we have a balance of approximately \$1,789.88

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Olson shared that DE testing is underway. The children are working hard in the labs to complete the assessment. The data will be used to drive instruction for our students. Teachers will meet with administration to go over the data during WOW Wednesday Professional Development.

A big thank you to the substitute teachers who have started the school year with our students. Each of you have done an outstanding job with our children. Welcome Ms. Nicole Simmons, Ms. Kylea Jensen, and Ms. Karin Barrett who have been hired to teach second grade, first grade, and third grade respectively. An associate teacher has been hired in fourth grade. Welcome Ms. Michelle Greenlee. Mrs. Olson continues to search for an ESE teacher to support our students. We are so excited to have these ladies at JCE!

The children love the new playground. Thank you to Mrs. Olson and our PTO for our vision to upgrade the equipment for our children. The shade structures are in place and has been great for children especially in the warm weather.

Painting in the back of the school will be next on the list of projects to complete this school year.

Thank you for a great start to the school year!

## **New Business:**

**District SAC Focus Meeting** The first District Focus meeting will begin this Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. Thank you to Mrs. Carroll for representing our school at this important meeting.

**Program Proposal** Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Lewis requested a proposal to adopt IXL for Math and Reading for Fourth and Fifth Grade. This was tabled as we discussed the adoption in the SAC improvement plan presentation.

**Headphone Proposal** Mrs. Jones requested headphones to use in the media center to support student learning and technology. The total cost is \$474.04. Mrs. Olson made a motion to use SAC funds to purchase the headphones. The motion was seconded and all members in attendance approved the request.

**Technology Proposal** Mrs. Pierce has proposed an adoption of the Minecraft for Education program. There is an eight month server fee which is approximately \$200 for service from October through April. There was a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved by all of the members in attendance.

**School Improvement Plan Draft** Mrs. Olson shared the JCE's School Improvement Plan with our SAC committee. Mrs. Olson explained what was used last year which is data from three components- high yield strategies for teachers, the lowest quartile of students in reading and writing for Kindergarten through Second grade students were factors that helped develop our plan. Wonderful growth was made in each area to help student improvement in areas of academics. This year, our focus is to use data to place students in fluid small groups of instruction. Our second goal is a personal goal by individual or grade level. The individual or grade level goal will follow the Marzano framework. Teachers will use the WOW Wednesday professional development time to enhance instruction and student achievement. Being a Writer has been purchased for third through fifth grade. K-2 is in our second grade implementing the writing program. Our final goal is an emphasis on math in K-5.

Mrs. Foster shared some math data analysis information on student achievement using the FSA test. This information is valuable in preparing our school improvement plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Olson proposed to invest in the math program IXL that would support our math goal. Students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will have access to this program. Discussion took place on different funding sources to enhance student achievement in math. Mrs. Olson proposed the excess money be used to purchase and replace classroom projectors.

Mrs. Piscatella made a motion to approve the adoption of the IXL math for our entire school and reading for 3-5 grades. Mrs. Olson will contact K-2 to determine the level of interest for

IXL in reading other reading technology to support standards. It was agreed that Mrs. Olson will have the discretion to use reserve funds for both IXL and classroom projectors. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase projectors based on the need of school. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. by Mrs. Foster. The next SAC meeting will take place in the media center on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Grimm

JCE SAC Secretary