

Julington Creek Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday March 13, 2018

Call to Order: Mrs. Jarriel welcomed everyone to the March SAC meeting and called the meeting to order at 3: 35 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Amy Grimm; Linda Piscatella; Lindy Birkelbach; Becky Jarriel; Jeanette Murphy; Cathy Apolinario; Rick Barnett; Susan Foster; Kerry Conover; JillianTweet; Jose Moreno

Guests in Attendance: Beverly Slough; Jill Volk; Caitlyn Riutta

SAC Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as written with no changes made.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance in our SAC account is \$114.48.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Murphy welcomed everyone to the March SAC meeting. Mrs. Murphy shared a wonderful email praising our teachers and staff at JCE. We are proud of our school and how we support the students of JCE. Family Fun Day was held on Saturday March 10th. It was a great day and a great event for our school family. Thank you to everyone for your support of our school! Kindergarten Registration was held today and we had a great turnout registering twenty-eight new kindergarten friends. There will be three more Kindergarten Registration dates for families to register for next school year. FSA writing took place on March 6th. Students were well prepared and teachers have done an amazing job leading them to be successful on their tests. Thank you to Mrs. MacAnarney who has spearheaded a program called JCE Rocks. Each student has painted a rock and will leave it in a destination of their choice during spring break

New Business:

A. We welcomed our guests. At this time, we have no new members to our SAC meeting.

B. **Discussion on Safety:** Mrs. Foster spoke with our SAC committee about the superintendent's vision for safety. Mr. Forson would like feedback from all SAC groups to be proactive in protecting our students. Mrs. Tweet shared her experience

in her previous school environment. Bike safety and parent pick up were both addressed as concerns on keeping us safe. Mrs. Volk shared her concerns about the after school program entrance being unsafe for the employees as well as the students. Mrs. Conover shared the concern about the teachers not having a walkie-talkie. Communication is a concern if there is a safety issue or an emergency. Mrs. Murphy shared the reasoning why the walkie-talkie has been changed in locations instead of every teacher having one. Mrs. Murphy stated that our doors will have a buzz in system installing in the near future. There will also be a double entrance door installed that will deter intruders. Mr. Barnett asked about the walkie talkie frequency. Many cell phones do not work in the schools and that is a concern if there is a safety concern. Mrs. Slough shared that a bill was passed to have a safety individual on campus each day. Our school district is working to get a youth resource officer supporting each school in the district. There are youth resource officers in every high school. We are looking to expand this program to ensure the safety of students and staff. Mrs. Slough explained the protocol for how the schools and district handle a threat. Principals and school officials should be investigating the various situations and be proactive to ensure student safety. It is important to pay attention to recurring behavior to help the all of our students. Teachers are told to know your families to assess the situations from our students home stressors as well as changes in behavior. Counseling takes place right away to support students and protect all stakeholders. Magnetic pieces are placed in the doors so teachers do not have to step outside to look doors. Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Pratt investigated every room and area of the school to look for safety improvements. Mr. Moreno addressed the concern of safety in the front office. Mr. Moreno asked if people could use spray to protect themselves. The response was that we are looking at all resources to ensure safety of students and staff. Mrs. Apolinario shared that conversations are happening in the classroom with students to make sure students are aware of what to do in a crisis. Students should also be trained on where to go during resource, lunch, etc. and have more situational training of where to go. Thank you to our school district, administration, maintenance staff, and school staff that work diligently to protect the safety of all of the stakeholders in our community. Thank you to all of the parents, SAC members, and Mrs. Slough for contributing to this important discussion and planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. by Mrs. Jarriel. The next SAC meeting will take place in the media center on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at p.m. at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Grimm

JCE SAC Secretary