

Julington Creek Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday September 10, 2019

Call to Order: Mrs. Gilbert welcomed everyone to the September 10, 2019. SAC meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Lindy Birkelbach; Kaly Weinberg; Jeanette Murphy; Amy Grimm; Richard Barnett; Linda Piscatella; Wendy Gilbert

Guests in Attendance: Kellee Landen; Marissa Heavener; Jeanie Kepner; Susan Foster; Lisa Lewis; Julie Haynes; Natalie Densmore; Dana Byrd; Mary Ann Holanchock

SAC Minutes: The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Dana Byrd, standing in for Mrs. Apolinario, shared that we have a new balance of \$5,186.28. There was an addition to the budget from the School Recognition Award in the amount of \$8071.42 in our SAC account.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Murphy welcomed everyone to the SAC meeting. We are off to a great start at JCE. Bingo night was a great success. We truly appreciate all of the support that PTO provides our school. We are anticipating our first STEM fair in January. Literacy Week will be integrated into the STEM fair event. Business partners will be involved in the STEM Fair as well. It will be a great event for our school community. We continue to have a great partnership with STEM2Hub. We appreciate the support they give our school. Mrs. Susan Foster represented JCE and traveled to Seattle for a STEM convention this summer to learn more about the benefits and implementation of STEM education.

Mrs. Murphy trained staff at an August faculty meeting and today trained the SAC members in attendance on collaboration and shared decision-making. This is an important part of our Five School Component.

Old Business: There was no old business to share at this meeting.

New Business:

- a. Welcome new members: Mrs. Natalie Densmore was welcomed and voted in membership by the SAC members in attendance and approved to become a voting member of SAC. Welcome, Mrs. Densmore. We appreciate your support.
- b. Presentation of 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan: Mrs. Murphy presented the 2019-20 School Improvement Plan with the SAC members and guests in attendance. Here is a summary of JCE's School Improvement Plan:

***JCE Celebrations: Students in the bottom twenty-fifth percentile earned a sixteen point increase. Our school is a twenty five percent minority school and we are meeting all needs of all seventy three nationalities. STEM and Robotics rapid growth is booming at JCE.

***Our areas of focus are to increase the English Language Arts Learning Gains of the lowest twenty-five percent of our student population, the Math Learning Gains of the Lowest twenty-five percent of our student population, and continue to promote school culture with character building incentives and activities for both students and staff. STEM will be our final area of focus for this school year. Our goal is increase STEM related activities in the classroom. Students will participate in a STEM fair and a Robotics STEM club has been offered as an after school club and activity.

There was a motion to approve the 2019-2020 JCE School Improvement Plan. There was a second motion and the School Improvement Plan was approved by the members in attendance.

Request for SAC Funds:

Fourth Grade Request for Funds- Storyworks: Ms. Landen shared copies of Storyworks by Scholastic with the SAC members and guests in attendance. She shared the connection to the standards as well as the online and classroom components of the program. The total cost of the subscription for Storyworks is \$1,681.20. There was a motion to purchase Storyworks for fourth grade students. There was a second motion and the members in attendance approved the purchase of Storyworks for implementation with students.

Lego Robotics Club Request for Funds: Mrs. Susan Foster presented information about the new Lego Robotics Club that our students are enjoying each week. There is a request for two robots for students to interact with while participating in the after school program. Each robot is \$479. Following discussion and the impact of the program, SAC made a motion to purchase four robots for students to interact with at the Robotics Club. There was a second motion and the SAC members in attendance approved the purchase for four STEM robots. The total cost is \$1,916. Thank you for your generous support!

Noetic Math Request for Funds: the Noetic Learning Math Contest is a semiannual problem solving contest for elementary and middle school students. The goal of the competition is to encourage students' interest in math, to develop problem solving skills, and to inspire them to excel in math. It will be provided as an after school club. The cost is \$50 per team. There was a motion to purchase Noetic Math for JCE. There was a second motion and the SAC members in attendance approved the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. by Mrs. Gilbert. Our next SAC meeting will take place on Tuesday October 8, 2019 in JCE's Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Grimm

JCE SAC Secretary