

Julington Creek Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday February 26, 2025

Call to Order: Ms. Landen welcomed everyone to the February SAC meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Dr. Joy Reichenberg, Kellie Landen, Richard Seal, Dana Johnston, DeArmas Graham, Janelle Dunathan, Leigh Starnes, Linda McAnarney, Marcy Waltry, Elizabeth Kanak, Valerie Foster, Samantha Horton, Katie Lindsey, Jenn Empey, Beth Boackle, Jennifer Carlton, Jodi Johnson, Amy Grimm

Guests in Attendance: Susan Baker, Wendy Gilbert, Lisa Lewis, Alicia Lough

SAC Minutes: The January minutes were shared and approved as written with no corrections being made.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Johnston shared that the current balance sits at \$1,695.19 for the SAC account, and the Florida Recognition account is currently at \$11,063.17.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Reichenberg thanked everyone for attending today's SAC meeting. Dr. Reichenberg and Mrs. Hatcher are working on staff classroom observations at this time. There are great things happening in our classrooms! Teachers are using the professional learning community process to ensure students are growing and being exposed to rigorous content. JCE will be receiving some beautification and structure updates in the weeks and months ahead. New flooring, carpeting, and exterior painting are some of the great improvements being made. Finally, we are excited to host Goodies with Grands. This is a PTO sponsored event that will take place on March 11th and March 13th. We love life at JCE!

District Buddy Report:

Dr. Graham, our district buddy, shared how blessed he is to have a partnership with JCE. He highlighted some great topics that are taking place in our district. One being that the millage referendum was passed, and through stakeholder's votes, the SJEA approved the salary increase for teachers. The increases will go into effect on July 1st of this year. Dr. Graham encouraged our staff and parent community to contact him with items for discussion and support. A new school will be opening in the fall of this year. Based on our local growth report, we should expect to have an average of two schools opening per year within the next

ten to fifteen years. Thank you, Dr. Graham, for supporting JCE and St. Johns County School District.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss at today's meeting.

New Business:

*SAC Staff and parent surveys are being used for school improvement. Please be sure to take the time to participate in these valuable surveys. The parent survey has closed. The results will be shared at our March meeting.

***Second Grade Foundations Leveled Readers Proposal:** Mrs. Baker explained the Foundations Phonics program to the members in attendance. The Foundations program has produced a new decodable reader supplement. The district has given one per grade level with funds attained through a grant. Mrs. Baker, on behalf of the second-grade team, is requesting two extra sets of readers to use for instructional purposes with students. The total cost would be \$2,790. There was a motion to approve the request, and it was seconded by the members in attendance. Thank you for supporting our second-grade students.

***Third Through Fifth Grades-IXL Proposal-**Mrs. Gilbert shared a proposal for third through fifth grade students to utilize IXL math. This program would support students in their mathematics achievement. IXL has undergone some amazing upgrades to their program which will benefit our students and provide great learning gains. IXL has a custom study plan based on student FAST scores. Students will have access to IXL math this school year, over the summer, and next school year. Mrs. Gilbert highlighted the Group Jam portion of the program which helps students to work collaboratively with various math concepts. There are also video tutorials to show students the process of how to solve a problem instead of just providing the answer. The total cost of purchasing the IXL program to our enrolled third-fifth grade students is \$6,625. There was a motion to approve the program. The motion was seconded and approved. Thank you for supporting the math education of our third-fifth grade students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m. by Mr. Seal. Our next meeting will take place on Microsoft Teams or in person on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Grimm

JCE SAC Secretary