



Celebration School
School Advisory Council Minutes
August 21st, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Celebration K-8 School Advisory Council was held in the Great Hall. Carl Fiore, President, called the meeting to order at 5:19 P.M. Andrea Bracco, Secretary, recorded the minutes for the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members: Carl Fiore, Tania Filak, Tracey Perrault, Andrea Bracco, Teia Hooper, Christy Flanagan-Feddon, Andrea Baker, Thomas Bracco, Natalie Cushnir, Nasser Aboulela, Debi Wisneski, Rebecca Hamilton, Hali Stewart

Attendees: Gary Weeden, Joan Connely, Debbie Jones, Rose Pollzzie, Deputy Plaza, Elizabeth Worley, Greg Filak, Aimee Stikna, Richard Hydock, Molly Beck, Jonas Carson, Samantha Carson, Julia Sarria, Sandra Marine, Ghina Lima, Afonso Ligorio, Richard Toe, Molly Beck, Danielle Daku, Karensa Harrell

MINUTES - *Carl Fiore*

- Christy Flanagan-Feddon motioned to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Tracey Perrault seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW MEMBERS - *Carl Fiore*

- Carl explained the purpose of SAC is to fund the SIP and work as a liaison between the school and parents.
- There are 14 returning members, 6 seats to fill.
- Debi Wisneski motion to approve the following new members. Tania Filak seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Greg Filak, Elizabeth Worley, Aimee Stikna, Danielle Daku, Alfonso Ligorio and Ghina Lima voted in as new members.

ADOPTION OF NEW SAC BYLAWS – *Carl Fiore*

- Debi Wisneski motion to approve new bylaws. Teia Hooper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- New bylaws were updated with this year's date.

REVIEW OF SAC POWERPOINT, ROBERT RULES, & SUNSHINE LAW-

- Reviewed by Carl Fiore

SAFTEY REPORT –*Deputy Plaza*

- Old traffic patterns resumed today by gym pick up.
- We are having issues with students on motorized scooters not obeying traffic laws, Deputy is working with Mr. Weeden to remove scooter privileges from students not following traffic laws.
- Letter went home today via Remind regarding drop off procedures.
- Deputy is doing his best to prevent parking on Mulberry during pick up and drop off.
- Deputy will be rolling out an anti-bullying campaign in January for 4th and 5th graders, may partner with school for Spirit days and anti-bully contracts. Rose clarified that counselors will also give presentations on bullying vs conflict.
- Deputy will be starting a 5th grade safety patrol group this week.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – *Mr. Weeden*

- Mr. Weeden reported on a strong pre-planning and summer of planning.
- New vision statement- Celebration K-8 will be a national recognized, top performing school in the state.
- New slogan- Imagine the Possibilities
- New focus on PBIS, PLC and AVID to improve data.
- Hiring update, hired many great teachers but have 2 openings (currently covered by two longer term subs)
- Enrollment- 1,584 (800 middle schoolers) students, still have a few co-taught classrooms but working on balancing classes.
- Mailers were sent home to verify addresses and addresses will be verified next week
- August 28th and 29th FAST PM 1 Grades 3-8, EOC courses will take NWEA
- Celebration Foundation is partnering with the school for a Bookmark Buddies program, coordinated by Jannine Martino, to improve fluency in 3rd grade
- Also Known As name forms are being collected to formally approve any nickname
- Great response to new cell phone policy
- PBIS Jersey Day Thursday, August 24th, students can wear a jersey for \$1
- September 4th, no school in honor of Labor Day
- Sports try outs are starting now
- New school newsletter will be printed monthly
- SIP will be discussed next meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT – *Teia Hooper*

- Balances per Teia Hooper, Treasurer, are currently inaccurate because they are in transition and awaiting final approval of the budget.
- Estimated 2023-2024 Budget \$23,594.23
- Current Balance per Carl Fiore \$16,094.23
- \$7500 paid for agendas that was approved last school year at SAC meeting.

FUNDS REQUESTS

- Jannine Martino requested \$6,000 for the PBIS program. She presented the following information to the Council. Funds are to be used for the following. Popcorn, popsicles, movie night, bingo night, games with middle schoolers during Chillin' at Pride, Pride stores, cookie decorating, bubble party, dance party, basketball, etc.
- Christy Flanagan-Feddon motioned to approve \$3,000 for PBIS now, if the 2023-2024 budget is \$16,994.23 or above, by. Debi Wisneski seconded the motion.
- The request was then discussed by the Council and Andrea Baker made a new motion to table the request till next meeting based on not having the funds request form provided in advance and sighting that the Council should not show favoritism in approving funds and that previous requests had been denied based on no form being produced at the time of the meeting as well as lack of information for review. Nasser Abouela seconded the motion.
- Discussion on the second motion then occurred with Carl Fiore sighting that previous request(s) that had been denied were based on either no form being produced as well as the requestor nor a proxy had not been attendance in the meeting to field questions on the request(s). Additionally, being that no form was produced, questions arose to if we were following our bylaw/guidelines for funds request(s). Citing the SAC PowerPoint, three days' notice is required on any matters that require a vote by the Council. The funds request was noted in the agenda which was sent out within those guidelines. Furthermore, Carl Fiore pointed out that Ms. Martino had turned in a form and it was not sent out to the Council at the mistake of the Chair and that she was in attendance to answer any questions as well as the email that was sent to the Chair with the request was read out loud to add the additional items not listed on the request form.
- Based on the additional information provided Nasser Abouela repealed his second to approve the motion to table the PBIS funds request. The Chair then called on the second motion as being brought by Andrea Baker, a call for a new second was made and not answered. The second motion was marked dead.
- The original motion made by Christy Flanagan-Feddon to approve \$3,000 for PBIS carried, Debi Wisneski remained second. Motion carried with no objections.

OPEN FORUM

- Teia Hooper requested an update on the bathrooms, Teia reported that the bathrooms are still unusable, but Mr. Weeden reported he checks daily and they are in better condition. He will follow up.
- Mr. Weeden reported that we have a full custodial staff
- Teia Hooper asked a question regarding inclement weather, the plan is to get a Remind message out as soon as possible and communicate as quickly as the school knows
- Teia Hooper asked a question regarding hearing sirens or emergency vehicles around the school, she would like an update from the school since she can't communicate with her student. Mr. Weeden will send an update after fire alarms, etc.
- Karensa Harrel asked a question regarding adding dance to the specials rotation. Mr. Weeden said it would depend on space and interest.
- Tracey Perrault expressed thanks for the new agendas
- Tania Filak expressed thanks to Mr. Weeden, the feel of the school culture amongst the students and teachers has greatly improved.
- Tania Filak requested a Spanish middle school elective, Mr. Weeden explained that our middle school dropped the foreign languages here because it wasn't meeting the pre IB high school courses but will look into it again.

- Nasser Aboulela noted that the school has improved since Mr. Weeden took over and he posed a question about finding out about after school activities. Carl and Mr. Weeden stated the Reminds are pushed through and info comes home with students, along with newsletters.
- Elizabeth Worley had compliments for her children's new teachers, car loop traffic changes and offered to volunteer in the office.
- Rebecca Hamilton had complements for her son's 2nd grade co-taught class. She also had compliments for the AVID program.
- Amiee Stikna thanked Mr. Weeden for hiring back her husband.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 18th

October 16th

November 13th

December 11th

January 22nd

February 19th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 20th

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Tracey Perrault motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Debi Wisneski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Carl Fiore

Chairperson

Approval Date: