



Mill Creek Academy
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Ken Goodwin Dawn Wilkey Art Thomas Isabel Mills Keri Franz Edwina Cordero Scott Cordero Stephanie Sanalila Kaleigh Di Millo Jenn Hoffman Jennifer Martin Sonia McGonigle Nicole Cubbedge Vincente Pass Julia Domurat	Leah Willis Elaine Luers	Jen Carmichael Neil Hammick Angela Sands Jen Berardi

Meeting Start Time

The meeting was called to order at: 4:00

Review and Approval of Minutes

Approval of: April 2021 Minutes	Motion to approve: Stephanie Sanalila	Second: Jennifer Martin
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Budget Update

Budget Report: Art Thomas	Available Budget: \$ 11,954.67
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Meeting Topics

Focus Group Feedback

Stephanie Sanalila provided feedback from the Focus Group held on May 5th.

- **State of the Schools video presentation from Mr. Forson – Can be found on the district home page**
 - Challenges for Covid
 - Strategic Plan 2020-21. Reminder of SJCS District Mission statement. 4 main goals.
 - **Goals**
 - **Goal A:** College and Career Readiness Student Success Goal for 2021: All students will graduate with a skill set prepared [for college](#) or a career.
 - **Goal B:** Flexible Learning and Success Goal 2021: All students will have the choice and flexibility to customize their learning path.
 - **Goal C:** Well-Rounded Student Success Goal 2021: All students will have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and character, strengthen their life skills and participate in service to the community.
 - **Goal D:** Growth Management Success Goal 2021: St. Johns County School District will proactively manage systemic growth.
 - Volume of interaction through technology is huge. Gratitude to teachers, parents and students who enabled these instructional models to work.
 - School board members were either in person or called in.
- **Health and Safety Protocols: Kyle Dresback, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services**
 - Appreciative of SAC and PTA/PTO/PTSO groups for support.
 - No changes to health and safety protocols for the rest of this academic year.
 - Looking ahead to new school year based on CDC and dept of health recommendations. Reopening committee will bring forward protocols to consider, local health care teams to review, bring to school board and move forward.
 - Summer 2021: overnight trips for sports camps, daily band camps, etc will happen this year.
 - One month of school left, worst thing we can do is change our operational procedures as we end the year. Please be patient.
- **FL BEST Standards: Christine Stephan, Director for Elementary Instruction**
 - Created by and with Curriculum Dept
 - BEST: “Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking”
 - What are academic standards? Benchmark measures that define what students should know. Spell out what students are expected to learn in each grade and each subject. Each state DOE creates standards for their state.
 - Why are we changing standards? Governor DeSantis directed review on 1/1/2020. Eliminate Common Core. Increase focus on Civics. Roadmap for FL to Become most literate state in the nation.
- **Mr. Forson discussion:**
 - BEST standard implementation is a big task. Look forward to this process for the best of our students.
 - Two new schools opening: Nease is serving 3000 students (too many). Tocoil will provide relief for Nease. TCHS will be outstanding! Planning and moving forward to be ready on day 1. Jay Willetts Principal. Pine Island Academy K-8 in Nocatee, serving 1500 students. PVA is 2300 students (too big). Amanda Riedl Principal. Bartram Trail is also overfilled, so second high school is being built for 2022 in Beachwalk. New Zoning adjustments have been approved.
 - Kindergarten enrollment 300 students short of where we expected it to be. Uptick or overflow in 1st graders is expected. Growth management dept is watching residential permits – all time high. Families are [moving in](#) rapidly. 2% growth this past year, backlog in growth for this coming year.
 - Growing organization, can't always do things the way we used to do them when we were smaller. Hiring season: will hire 200-300 teachers, custodians, bus drivers, paraprofessionals. Must market ourselves as a high-quality organization to work for, not just for kids, but a great place to work. Recruitment fair

for minority recruitment: expand minority hires within system and ESE. Hard to find high quality teachers in highly specialized areas.

- Cultural responsiveness. Character Counts Pillars are important. Caring first, then trustworthiness. World is diverse, and we must make sure we are reflecting that at school in all aspects.

- **Parent questions:**

- BEST standards – who were the stakeholder groups that are making decisions? Ms. Stephan replied: Managed by dept of education, sought input by teachers, parents and community members. Curriculum and textbook adoption is done a little bit differently.
- Will parents be surveyed on safety protocols? Mr. Dresbeck replied: we have different groups providing their ideas, and district will propose protocols to the school board. Constantly watching numbers, vaccinations, CDC guidelines. Everything changes into August even, so we have to stay flexible. Always taking input. Come to restart or reopening meetings, always include teacher and parent ideas.
- You mentioned the 2022-23 new high school, new zoning for Bartram Trail and Nocatee for the K-8. Any other areas for rezone that we haven't yet been made aware of? Mr. Forson replied: This year we have rezoned 3 times in this year alone! Normally we only do this every 3 years. Rezoning for High School "III" is more of a correction to be more inclusive. Great question but no answer yet because it comes when we are opening new schools, or we don't have the ability to build new and schools are overcrowded, so we have to rezone to distribute students more effectively. Will be a number of years before we can afford to build a new high school now that we are building and opening two in two years. This is constantly reviewed in growth management, but nothing new beyond the current new schools and zones.

- **Mr. Forson wrap-up:** BEST standards – we received surveys when the BEST [surveys](#) were being reviewed. Stakeholders are at the state level, but a number of meetings held were open to parents and teachers. In regards to [health](#) and safety, Reopening core team is at the district office. The Core team reads the same things the superintendent and board members read, so all decision makers are involved and informed. Thank you for your time and continued support of the St. Johns County Schools.

Request for Funds

Isabel Mills – Funds Request – \$279.85

- Light Tablets so students do not need to use windows (which they cannot do now with covid restrictions) for tracing projects.
- Shared with other art teachers (the second MS art teacher & elementary)
- Purchasing 10 (one per group) along with 5 protective cases
- 2 tablets can fit in one case

Approved by: Stephanie Sanalila Second by: Scott Cordero

Principal's Report

Celebrations

- Thank you for participating in SAC.
- Student
- 8th Grade Celebration – Thanks PTA
 - 2 ice cone trucks
 - Promotion will be recorded and sent out to families to improve quality
 - Signs celebrating 8th graders
 - Working with the drone company to take an areal picture of 8th graders outside school as a memento for 8th graders

Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

- Bike rack has been purchased and is on its way
- Trophy Case has also been purchased for the gym.
- Congrats to the baseball team for
- 53 interactive panels have been delivered and are in the process of being installed
- Safety Patrol will be around the bus loop as well as the parent pick-up loop
- School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - Goal for increasing student performance in bottom quartiles in reading & math
 - Ways to improve social emotional learning
 - Please email Dr. Goodwin with your ideas

Adjournment

Time: 4:28	Motion to adjourn: Jenifer Martin	Approval: Stephanie Sanalila
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