

Agenda date: November 24, 2022

Attendees: Ayan, Salin, Leanne, Natasha, Saida, Lesley, Melissa, Masuud, Joanne, Leanne, Kowthar, Sharmini, Wossen, Rohan, Pearl and 2 other parents (names unknown).

October Minutes approved by: Amanda and Saida

November Minutes approved by: Lesley and Melissa

| Item | Proposal/Discussion | Action/Who |
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| <p>SAC Co-Chairs Lesley & Saida</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Refreshments and volunteers • Parent Engagement (Nov 15) • Movie Night (Dec 1) • Pancake Breakfast (Dec 14) • Heggerty programs and UFLI - The University of Florida Reading Institute • School Council Innovation Grant application due Dec 9, 2022. Grant to support School Improvement Plan(continued) | <p>- Meeting started – 6:38pm. Welcome everyone, in person and virtually.</p> <p>-Thank you, Ayan and Amanda, for tonight’s refreshments.</p> <p>- First parent engagement session was on Nov 15, 2022. Thank you to our host Nancy Angevine-Sands, for important information/tips on navigating the educational system and supporting our children in their education journey.</p> <p>- Movie Night/ Community night, December 1. Please arrive by 5:30pm – Movie starts at 6:00 pm sharp!</p> <p>-Last day to pre-order food/drinks/snacks is Monday November 28, 2022, hard. Selected items will be available for sale on the night, at a first come first serve basis. Hope to see many of you for a family fun night together!</p> <p>-If you have children’s books, you no longer need, please donate to our book exchange. A bin will be made available at Movie Night. Book exchange will occur on December 14, 2022- Pancake Breakfast- 8:10am-8:50am. Please stop by for a quick bite and a chance to</p> |

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| | | <p><i>interact with our WJS community.</i></p> <p>-Food drive will continue until December 14. Please donate nonperishable items.</p> <p>- SAC supports/approved 1 Heggerty programs and 2 UFLI - The University of Florida Reading Institute. Both program are highly reputable programs and will support our students (KG-Grade 3) with literacy (<i>Mrs. Dias and Mrs. Lamey are very thankful</i>)</p> <p>- <i>Saida attended school Council innovation grant Webinar on November 23. Application to apply for grant deadline is December 9, 2022.</i></p> <p>-<i>Saida/Lesley to apply for grant, with a different lens. It's important to continue the important work we started, in our school improvement plan and finish it off this school term. What are your thoughts? (All agreed).</i></p> |
| <p>Community Support Worker</p> <p>Salin</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent and Caregiver Literacy Session on Wednesday, December 07th from 6:00 -7:30 pm. Register via Link: https://bit.ly/3GeDEXe • Indigo Grant | <p>- Amanda, asked how they are teaching literacy? (Do not see the details) parents need to know the strategies.</p> <p>- Salin's response: 1-Phonics – how to incorporate reading, writing, playing and communication at home. 2-How to generate interest.</p> <p>- Salin will follow up and provide more details of the rollout.</p> |

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| | | <p>- Indigo Grant based on proposal-Deadline Jan 15, 2023.</p> <p>- Saida/Lesley will apply for grant.</p> <p>- Volunteers required to execute the plan, if approved.</p> <p>*Group discussion on how to get more parents/students involved. Suggestions made to consider hosting workshops that also include child/ren (family affair) More discussions to follow, after winter break.</p> |
| <p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Leanne</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a teacher or parent volunteer that can pump up the balls in the bunkie? • -\$5000 grant for pollinator garden - deadline Oct. 27- Submitted. | <p>Leanne- Thanks to the Ahmed family for pumping all the balls. Action completed.</p> <p>- Salin and Lucy, thank you for applying for the Pollinator grant. If approved front will receive a new garden eco team</p> <p>- Ideas welcome! waiting on that.</p> <p>- Gym repairs are moving along, floor is done, walls are painted. Curtains are the last piece, hoping to be done by movie night.</p> <p>Tutor Program –opportunity teacher volunteer’s grade 1 and grade 2 sessions are in the morning (Tuesdays/Thursdays). Will continue into the new year.</p> <p>Trips to the public library, Sports, X Movement and Curling.</p> <p>-Movie Night – Mrs. Dias, volunteered her room for one of the movies (Clifford The Big Red Dog)</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Alone-gym. - Skating – Helmets expiry dates (7yrs) - Policy from the Board- helmets to be replaced every 7 years. Some helmets backdated to 2004. -Leanne, connected with Christine, lots of volunteers required. - Volunteers to transport equipment (makes the most sense) - Skates sharpened right before pandemic, so no need to resharpen - Saida, circulated a volunteer sheet (Nov. 24) for 1 or 2 sessions. -SOTM – Dec. 22 -Things to come – Pajama Party and Sing Along Songs. -SAC Special Lunch Days, Jan 18 & 25, 2023-Hot dog and juice box- fundraiser. - School Pizza Lunches to continue in Feb. 2023. |
| <p>Treasurers Update Melissa & Masuud</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council Account- \$2,212.24 • FundScrip has begun. Link sent in update and hardcopy sent home Wednesday. Orders should be submitted by Wednesday Dec 7. • Heggerty program was approved to purchase one more, to be deducted. Now we have a total of 3. It's a new phonemic awareness program to build foundational reading skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Melissa – quick review of the budget -Deposit from Movie Night -Fundscrip – 3% or more of all orders going towards school programs -Great gift idea - orders must be in by Dec. 7 -Haggerty Program – approved 3(Pre-K to Grade 2). Paid and receipts are in, Joanne Confirmed. |

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| <p>Questions/ Recommendations</p> | <p>Saida -Monthly Newsletter was a great way to display students' amazing work, learning journeys and how our school is evolving overall. Is there a possibility to bring Monthly Newsletters back?</p> <p>Saida- Can we also include SAC events on school monthly calendars?</p> <p>Side note - Ms. Bellec – weekly email placed a ticket for our families that are not receiving the email. Ms. Bellec will reach out to teachers to inform them.</p> | <p>- Leanne, to follow up and discuss at staff meetings. -Some concerns with media permissions (children's pictures) Figuring out the logistics. -Leanne will make Nadia aware about including SAC events in the school calendar.</p> |
| <p>Bring Forward</p> | | <p>-Monthly Newsletters -Skating event</p> |
| <p>Upcoming Parent/Student Engagement Opportunities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card for a Senior- School wide project tied to houses/December character trait (Kindness & Caring) • Public Health Nurse- January 19, 2023 <p>Questions to consider asking Public Health Nurse</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness that there is a virus and the precautions we should take. 2. Guidance for medication whatever is available over the counter/ weight age etc? 3. What is a healthy snack? (Consider making it a separate session for families) 4. The importance of screen time and physical activity | <p><i>-Cards are to be completed by December 19, 2022. Grade 4 and 5s to walk over to Rivera senior home to deliver cards written by students.</i></p> <p><i>Some discussions about what else can do besides making cards,</i></p> <p><i>Wossen suggested having the students visit the senior home to spend some time and or invite the seniors into our school for 30/1hr(socialization).</i></p> <p><i>*It's a great idea, however, due to health and safety concerns, we will have to revisit this idea in the future, once the pandemic is completely over.</i></p> <p><i>- Public Health Nurse will come to our Jan. 19 SAC meeting to</i></p> |

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| | <p>5. Vaccinations that are not just related to COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Worker- March 23, 2023 (Mental Health/Social emotional issues affecting children) <p>Questions Topics to consider discussing with Social Worker March 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to deal with frustrations and how to work through them. 2. How to deal with BIG emotions <p>Kids come with the parents' higher number one night event (3 presenters) Zones of Regulations</p> | <p><i>provide useful information for our families/caregivers(See topic questions)</i></p> <p>- Mrs. Bellec applied for sense of belonging boundaries safety brought in for grades 3 4 5.</p> <p>-Ms. Martino passionate about Mental Health putting together groupings Yoga Breathing share Tips bring that into Houses. There is a focus on MH in the New Year to support the schools.</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> | <p>December- NA January 19, 2023 February 23, 2023?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dec. No meeting</i> • <i>February 23,2023 meeting confirmed.</i> |