



SJAM SAC Agenda

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

5:30-6:30, SJAM Staff Room

Next Meeting: May 1st, 2019

Welcome & Check In

How are you? What's on your mind as you come to this meeting?

Attendees: Natalie Hagerty, Stephanie Kenny, Emily Falencki, Melanie Haynes, Bill Perry, Johanna Cromwell, Kevin Collins, Creighton Barrett, Theresa Kelsie, Ben Stone

Regrets: Andrea Puzkar, Mike Cuvelier, Nick Williams, Shannon Hansen

Approval of the Minutes

Johanna Cromwell

Second: Melanie Hines

Student Success Plan

Literacy Goal: To improve student achievement in reading with a focus on accuracy, fluency and comprehension beyond the text (questioning, making connections, synthesizing, inferring)

Math Goal: To improve student achievement in number sense with a focus on partitioning and representing numbers

School Life

What's happening at SJAM?

- Painting Project Update- To happen during March Break. Emily found funding through the Syrena foundation.
- SAC Spending- List approved (including the wish list items from the teachers, and also LCD, sound system and Shauntay Grant visit.
- Feedback from School Review Meeting. One of the things that was approved was the renovations to SJAM. Lisa Roberts took it upon herself to get people together, Jacob Richie, Elwin LeRoux, SAC chairs, principals and supervisors. One major question was who do we go to now? Karyn Cooling, School Admin Supervisor was the answer. The schedule for renovations is 2021. There will be someone to come to the school and see what it needs, then there will be a committee. But there is promise that this will happen.
- Bell Schedule - School administration has suggested lunch be shortened by 10 minutes. The rationale is that with 220 students staying for lunch, and no one needing time to travel home over lunch, it does not need to be as long. We are trying to balance the supervision available and keeping lunch/less supervised

time positive to allow for positive afternoon of instruction. Consideration has been made ensuring that kids have enough time to eat and enough time to play over lunch time. Students currently eat in gym 3 days/week and classrooms 2 days/week. Feedback from students/lunch monitors is that eating in classrooms is preferred. Next year students will eat in the classrooms every day. This will allow the gym to be used for intramurals/indoor lunch in bad weather. It will also provide more uninterrupted time to eat. The dismissal time will stay the same, however the school feels, based on daily patterns of drop off, that it would be a positive option to have the instructional day start at 9:00 (with student supervision on the playground beginning at 8:50) . The proposal for a later start time is an attempt to reduce disruption to morning routine as late arrival to school is something the school is working to address. The late arrival to class and interruption upon arrival does impact student success. This will be in the upcoming newsletters for the rest of the year to let parents know. Parents are encouraged contact the school with questions and feedback.

Round Table

- 100th Anniversary of SJAM- no definitive. Creighton looked at city directories and there is no mention of SJAM until 1921. He reached out to an archivist and she gave him a list of directories to go look through (to do in the summer). The one thing is that it is not 1919. But 2021 will work out nicely with the renovations.
- Communication- the way of getting info from one community to another, or from teacher to parent, from class to class.
 - What is the best way to communicate? News letter? Phone call? Teacher? Please reach out to others? Should we do a survey? Maybe we can do it at parent/teacher day.
 - Do survey with teachers?
- Excel is going well. 31 kids are in the room and they are at cap for this year.

Check Out

One thing you hope to talk about at the next meeting | An item or discussion that was of particular interest at the meeting | One thing you learned or are thinking about as you leave the meeting | action plan