



**School Advisory Council Agenda
Freedom Crossing Academy
Thursday, February 22, 2024
4:00pm**

I. Introductions

- Kimberly Reed made a motion to start the meeting at 4:03
- Good News: Mrs. Fonseca's granddaughter was born. Mrs. David is taking her family to Universal next week (fun fact: annual passes don't start until you go for the first time). New teacher PPT about SAC to present and give info next week 2/28 (to inform because the vote was NO to take 10% for SAC funds).

II. Approve meeting minutes from last meeting 1/25

- Reminder: in the by-laws you are only allowed to miss 2 times. You are allowed to have someone fill in for you. But for voting to happen we have to have the numbers represented.
- SAC survey: Mrs. David sent a little info out with the SAC survey so staff would know what they were doing.
- Mrs. Leon-Ramunni would like to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes. All members present made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

III. Guest Speaker – Karen Stanfield

- Math Counts Club at FCA!! Began with about 20 students (6th – 8th)
Competing against other 6th – 8th graders. Only 12 go to competition. (School Competition in January; team will begin in August of next year now that they are jump started at FCA)

- The competition itself is 30 questions, 40 minutes that the students with paper and pencil. This makes it less intimidating. Next, they do sets of 2 questions. Then, there is a live session which is a countdown round where they go head to head with a buzzer. The competition is held at UNF.
- Hoping to get approx. 30 kids involved next year to have enough to do the live round here at the FCA competition to get them comfortable with that round.
- About 250 kids participate altogether. A couple kids finished 40th place. We had students score 26, which is pretty impressive.
- Great opportunities academically and socially. Mrs. Stanfield gives them snacks and they do math simulations in pairs/small groups.
- Mrs. Stanfield also hosts a chess club. (Also 6th – 8th grade) Feedback from parents: gives their kids that don't have a lot of social interaction a chance to be social with like minded kids.
- Top 4 at math competition were 8th graders but the 6th graders were right behind them. They will be even more comfortable next year!
- Hoping to win the award for most improved next year and grow both clubs tremendously. Spread the word!!
- No background knowledge needed, just interest and desire! 😊

IV. Principal Report - Gina Fonseca

- Parent Newsletter: sent out in a number of formats to try to get parents to be able to easily access and make it more user friendly. Also sent out remind message to parents that the newsletter was sent out.
- Daddy Daughter Dance: huge turnout approx. 800 people!! (hosted by PTO)

- National Counselors Week- we have 5 counselors. We had a counselors luncheon for them. They do a great job of providing emotional support for our kids, small groups, focused emotional support. SHOUT OUT to our counselors!!!! They are always active participants advocating for the needs of our students.
- Kindness Challenge: for parents and for teachers. Little things that will remind us to be kind. Trying to make sure that we use CKH and general kindness expectations across the board.
- Basketball season: season is winding down then we will have the playoffs!
- Drama Team: getting ready for SHREK!! About 60 kids are participating
- Extracurricular activities: in MS it's hard to get teacher's to have an extra-curricular activity because a lot of staff is so young with young children.
- 2 new robotics clubs: MS (Ranken), elementary (Herring)
- Mrs. Frericks is going to work on a mural as a public works project
- Mr. Reed on top of athletic director is hosting a running club on Fridays
- Mrs. McDonald does Safety Patrols
- NJHS with Mrs. Troyer
- Mrs. Zentz and band
- Bookkeeper and her assistant take the tickets for the games;
- Mrs. David, Mr. Kirsche, Mrs. Dillard, & Mrs. Holman for dedicating their time to SAC after school.
- Mrs. Fonseca is so appreciative of all the extra time staff puts into FCA.

- PLCs working hard on collaborating together. Every week PLCs get 75 minutes to work together to look at data from testing in the classroom and FAST testing. NEST groups to help get kids where they need to be for PM3
- From Mrs. David: meeting on kids on RTI and sorting small groups based on data from summatives, FAST assessments, and figure out what the kids needs are in order to plan focus groups to share kids and work on a focused skill for their academic need.
- A PLC school and PLC district "ALL kids are MY kids"
- Superintendents meeting 2/28
 - o They would like to have a parent focus meeting. Information should come out soon for an opportunity to meet with the superintendent about certain concerns. Discuss the "why" behind renewing the sales tax. This also is a year they will vote on increasing the millage rate and how these topics impact the schools.
 - o More info to come
- Mrs. Fonseca going on the DC trip with 8th grade and Mrs. Lime next week!! Green light tours is organizing the trip. They will go to the museum of natural history, holocaust museum, African American historical museum, memorial cemetery. Some students will get to lay a wreath on the tombs of the unknown soldiers. They had to write an essay to get this opportunity.

V. Open Agenda - Comments/Questions

SAC Survey:

- 480 parents took the survey but only 216 completed it. They HAVE to click the button at the bottom or it doesn't go through. Make sure you click complete!

- Closes: 3/31
- 108 staff have taken but only 80 completed.
- Question: Ramunni got an email link to the survey so they got the link more than once and it allows you to take the survey more than once.
 - o We don't have control over that and can't track who has completed versus who has not.
- Kimberly Reed made a motion to end the meeting at 4:36. All members voted to adjourn.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

February 22, 2024
March 28, 2024
April 25, 2024
May 16, 2024