

## **School Advisory Council Meeting December 12, 2023**

**Meeting Convened:** 2:32pm                      **Adjourned:** 3:01pm

**Attendance:** Nicole Lizzmore (virtual attendance), Andy Frazier, Kezia McLaughlin, Jenna Yow, Josyln Facemyer, Briana Ernsting, Tee'ha Carroll, James Wheeler, Keiysha Cornell, Holli Winter, Kelly Jacobson, Vicki Barfoot

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 2:32PM.

**Reminders:** Please be sure to sign in.

### **New Business- T. Carroll**

- All “new” business has been moved to next month’s meeting agenda to focus on special guest: INK. (Investing in Kids)
- James Wheeler is the operations and student program’s director of INK, and he is presenting information about the organization. Mr. Wheeler was a previous SJCS D teacher, and his children are products of the SJCS D.
- INK is a non-profit organization foundation that leads efforts to directly benefit the educators and students of SJCS D (founded in 1994).
- All funds (grants and donations) stay in SJCS D.
- Decisions are made in partnership with SJCS D.
- Literacy is a big focus. Mr. Wheeler spoke about the features, benefits, and the success of the reading program. The take stock in children program focus on high school students that meet eligibility requirements for free/reduced lunch, and this program helped over 250 students graduate from college. The PIVOT program works with at risk students and these programs are driven by mentors and volunteers. Teachers are supported in many ways like through the online store where over \$100,000 classroom supplies have distributed through the year (this store helps offset the cost for teachers). The “tools 4 schools” initiative helps teachers order classroom supplies they need for free to ensure that every student has the necessary tools to be successful in the classroom.
- Mrs. Ernsting asked: “Mentioning growth... are there any areas for growth for future donors? How are donors elicited?” Mr. Wheeler responded, “Yes.” “INK is careful not to compete with schools that have business partners and there is staff specifically dedicated for helping the donation efforts.”
- Mr. Wheeler spoke about current donors like: Master Builders and Davidson Development in World Golf Village.

### **Principal’s Update – K. Jacobson**

- Band has had multiple concerts including Nights of lights and Icemen hockey game. Tomorrow FCM’s jazz band goes to Julington Creek Elementary school.
- FCM’s first chorus concert went great as well.

- WEB leaders were awarded first place in “Stop the Bulling” campaign. They won 2,000 to continue to spread the kindness in school. Tomorrow they will carry out skits for character count program here at school. WEB leaders show their leadership skills and provide the model for the school.
- MJHS is sponsoring a toy drive and all proceeds goes back to the community.
- Basketball tryouts have been in place and next week the teams will be determined.
- Creekside High School conducted the presentation for academy choices to FCM’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (rising freshmen). The presenters were in impressed by FCM’s audience and respectful climate.
- 12 days of Christmas has been in place and tomorrow we will have a staff lunch in.
- Volleyball boys are second year champions in a row.
- The state released school grades and FCMS has earned an A.

### **Public Question Period**

- No questions currently.

### **Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn was made by T Carroll...: . . . J. Facemyer seconded the motion.

*Motion Passed*