

## **EQUESTRIAN TRAILS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MINUTES**

Meeting Date: November 9, 2021

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Ms. Elizabeth Richards, Equestrian Trails SAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:11am in a classroom.

2. **Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion to adopt was made by Jennifer Ninmo-Fraser and was approved by consensus.

- a) Coach Liza Asch reported back reading the Physical Education Conference in Orlando the previous month. Attendees played new PE games that involved kinetic learning and focused on ways to incorporate learning into PE. She and her team earned high marks for all of the activities they presented. Some takeaways from that conference involve things like incorporating levers/force in motion into PE in a way that enforces STEM concepts. She also mentioned a hope to one day have a type of STEM ninja course in our PE program.

3. **Public Comments on Specific Agenda Items:** None.

### **4. Leadership Reports:**

- a) Watch Dog Dads is underway and had 70+ RSVPs for last month's evening meeting but only 15-20 showed up. There was mention of morning meetings but the general consensus was more dads would attend after work.
- b) Ms. Johnson gave a shout out to the PTA for the Boo Bash and expressed her gratitude for their hard work with that event. Kids and families had a great time and she was really impressed with the result.
- c) Fall/Halloween celebrations were a welcome sign of normalcy returning to campus, one we hope to carry on through winter. Mrs. Giamott is moving ahead with choir performances that will be sent out virtually. The Equestrian center also hopes to encourage families to attend their upcoming theme night in the first weekend of February.
- d) Book Fair set to start Friday, November 12.
- e) Latinos in Action starting today - 45 students from PBCH will be coming to the school to read to the younger grades and promote literacy.
- f) Report cards will be coming out soon and have new codes that allow for teachers to leave positive feedback. It will likely cause some confusion in the beginning but is a great way for teachers to show positive work ethic and behaviors.
- g) Enforcement of dress code will be stricter going forward. Current code is solid tops and bottoms so is already fairly relaxed but more and more students have been coming to school dressed inappropriately. The dress code for the next school year will be voted on by SAC at the end of the current year.

### **5. Questions and Comments:**

a) PTA President Jill Carroll noted that the PTA has two events coming up - Holiday Shop and a painting workshop hosted by Splash Art.

b) Upcoming field trips were called into question and Ms. Johnson mentioned the possibility of in-state trips for 5th graders in lieu of the Washington trip. COVID cases and school safety will be closely watched after the upcoming holiday breaks.

#### **6. Closing Remarks**

**7. Future Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 14th @ 8am

#### **8. Adjournment**