

L. C. Swain Middle School

School Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023 at 6 p.m.

The regular meeting of the L.C. Swain Middle School SAC was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 by Chair Marc Lane, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum**

We do have a quorum so we will be able to vote on items tonight.

Members in attendance: Isha Reyes, Marc Lane, Pracilla Alejandro, Judith Garrad, Christina Ruiz-Waddell, Maria Patino, Dr. Amy Kolodny (see agenda for other SAC attendees)

A. SAC Chair: Marc Lane

B. SAC Vice Chair: Dr. Amy Kolodny

C. Secretary: Darla Paulena

II. **Old Business**

Review March 14, 2023 minutes put on hold to see if we get a quorum later in the meeting.

III. **New Business**

IV. **Principal's Report - Ms. Reyes**

Ms. Reyes shared the following items:

We were able to hire two teachers. During spring break I started calling everyone on the list. We still have 3 science vacancies for next year. If you know anyone looking to teach let me know.

Last meeting I let you know that we have preliminarily been approved to be a Cambridge school. We have submitted the paperwork to provide funding. We have started working on the masterboard and those courses have been added to the masterboard. Global perspectives is one that we are adding. And they will need that course to get an AICE Diploma. We will offer some ELA courses and then our Art teacher will be using Cambridge resources as well.

Student IDs went out this week on Monday. They are working in the cafeteria. That should help with some of the lines. Student conductor has also been approved and we were trained today and we will have additional training tomorrow. With those IDs when the student is late they will use their badge to get a tardy slip to enter class. If they are late in between classes. They will have to get a tardy pass from the Student conductor and that comes with progressive discipline for multiple tardies. The IT person has been going around and installing the program on the computers. We are looking to start next week. If you have an email on file you will get an email notifying you that your child was tardy.



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Q: Will you set up and strictly implement the IDs for the parties?

A: Yes we are still working on getting all kids IDs. We will eventually implement it for parties. They are being called down to get newer students access. Ms. Moschetti is working to get all students an ID. Students have been told already that if they lose them they will cost \$3. We are working on how it will all work here. They mandated all students to have IDs but they have not given us the equipment to make that happen so we are using the resources that we have right now.

Mr. Lane mentioned we do now have a quorum as of 6:14 pm

Minutes from the March 14, 2023 SAC meeting were reviewed- Attendees found typos that needed to be corrected. Motion to accept the March 14, 2023 minutes with the corrections of grammatical errors and the correct spelling of voting members' names. No further discussion occurred. Unanimous approval of the minutes for March 14, 2023 was accepted by voice vote.

V. SAC Budget

Mr. Lane shared that at this time no additional funds have come out of the \$2700. As far as bookkeeping is concerned we have \$2700. I have been being conservative and saying that we have about \$1500. With that in mind we have a proposal.

VI. Proposals - Prizes for Stallion Stars - Ms. Deidrick

Ms. Dedrick has a proposal. She is requesting \$1500 to close out the end of the year activities. All of the activities have been rolled up into one request.

Moving on ceremony- we are requesting \$350. Tickets are \$150 and then we like to decorate the school which was about \$200.

The 8th grade dance - the DJ costs \$1,000. I am asking for \$330 for food and DJ. I try to keep the cost low for the kids because I would like to see them all come if they want to.

End of the year Trip - Charter buses went from 30 companies to 12. A bus to gradventure is \$3500 per bus. That holds 52 students. This will be our first year taking over 200 kids to gradventure. We take our 7th graders to Rapids and 6th graders to Boomers. Those buses are \$1,000. We can't use school buses because of the time constraints. We would not be able to leave before 9 am. So we are asking for \$500 to go towards the charter buses to keep the cost lower for students.

Honor roll - We have 32 students who have earned all As this year. We usually treat them to a luncheon. So we are asking \$320 for these students. The amount of students



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who qualify has grown over the years. I know we did away from the honor roll breakfast but I think these kids deserve something special.

The floor was opened to comments and questions.

Q: Did we get quotes for the DJs?

A: I am using the same company as last year and they are cheaper. When we do several dances with them they give us a discount. So they have done the other dances this year. DJs are getting quite expensive. I did get a quote from the people that did John I's prom and they were \$1800. This DJ includes uplighting along with the DJ.

Comment: It's really beautiful and it doesn't look like the cafeteria. Everyone looks beautiful and it is a nice event.

Mr. Lane has a concern and would like to make a suggestion. I am in favor of all of this. I just don't want to run the account in the negative. I am in favor of \$1200. There is stuff out there that is floating and I just don't want to run into the negative. Let's say we approve the money as she sees fit to spread the money around as it goes. Any thoughts?

Ms. Dedrick said she is OK with \$1200. I will always make it work for our kids. The more money we have the more we can do.

Ms. Patino made a motion to accept \$1200 for Ms. Dedrick to use at her discretion. Seconded by Ms. Alejandro. Motion passed for \$1200 for Ms. Deidrick to use as she sees best.

Q: As we find the money will she be able to get her up to \$1500.

A: We are meeting on May 9th so that will allow us to add additional funds at that time if that is OK.

VII. Student Council Report- from Ms. Panunzi

This week we are preparing for Spirit week. We have suggestions that the council prepared and we are waiting for verification.

VIII. Public Comments/Non-Agenda Items - no items were shared

IX. Closing Remarks - no closing remarks were made.

X. Future Meetings - Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6 p.m.



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- XI. **Adjournment** - Unanimous approval to adjourn was accepted by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

