



**JAMES B. SANDERLIN K-8, an IB WORLD SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & NOTES**

November 12, 2019

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM & NOTES

FACILITATORS

7:00 - 7:05pm (5) ***Introductions and Welcome***
13 attendees

Mr. Kirkpatrick/Ms. Armstrong

7:05 - 7:26pm (21) ***School Improvement 19 - 20***

- **School recognition funds** are received based on rankings. Scheduled meeting on 11/13/19 to assess ideas as to how to use the funds (bonuses, supplies, teacher training are all options).
 - \$63,000 = Recognition Funds total
 - 1/7/20 = deadline for fund allocation determination, which will be released 12/12 and due to be paid out by the end of that week.

If fund distribution is approved by SAC (majority vote) in Dec., staff will receive bonuses before Christmas Break. <Post-meeting follow up: Online SAC vote held confirming staff recommended use of the SRF's>

- **School academic and behavioral data**

Revising policies for Magnetic Intervention Committee (MIC)

School's first MIC held: 15 total students on list; 4 PYP, 11 MYP - 2 families were no shows. All but 1 are on probation until the next Quarter (1st MIC was held)

Process:

List of students who qualified sent to teachers. Every quarter, committee to review student needs and institute a plan to support students & interventions. Example: a student going through death of family member(s) is provided resources by understanding their unique scenario. There were substantial learnings by admin and staff on MIC, the largest of which is that most impacted kids shared significant problems that impacted their ability to perform at school.

Coming out of the MIC, there's a need (among other ongoing needs) for an Angel Tree. Ms. Gilson (gilsonk@pcsb.org) to spearhead this initiative; it and won't be publicized per se over the holidays due to privacy concerns. There are many ongoing needs for middle-schoolers - please coordinate assistance to the family through Ms. McKenna.

- **Basketball team:** started this year that will function as a motivator and, in order to continue, students must perform academically to stay enrolled.

7:26 - 7:38pm - Mrs. Herman

Updates: "Taking Action"

- Taking Action Opportunities
Sanderlin Food Pantry, Sustainable Development Group \$\$ to community for those in poverty - there are numerous opportunities for families to participate and help out however they are best able or suited. "The Kind Mouse" is audience member suggestion/recommendation.
For unfed kids in Pinellas, anonymous donations can be made to kids with "Nibble Bags."

- **School Policies & IB Review**

- Ms. Armstrong to upload the policies.
- TDEs: increased lately to support IBO/Review Period
- Review: Sanderlin to select a group of representative parents for feedback in a focused group.

This review is the first K - 8 visit (both evaluators will be here for both PYP and MYP) and will be assessing both programs. In particular, they're looking for commonalities between PYP & MYP - how have they married the two levels / segments successfully? How does the language match?

7:38- 7:41pm

Mrs. Herman & Ms. Gilson recognized for the hard work they put in applying for the magnet school application (the only middle school that applied for this Magnet Schools of America distinction).

"Distinction" is what we've had in the past - feedback received last year is that they just wanted more examples, so aiming for "Excellence" (though "Distinction" is still admirable!).

The objective, naturally, is to address that for those looking in and only reading about the school, it's difficult to see the whole picture and for admin/educators to paint an accurate, holistic picture of the innerworkings of the IB principles & curriculum.

7:41- 7:46pm - Closing & Comments, Forward Thinking

Next meeting: Feb 11, 2020

SIP Funds

School visits, classroom walk throughs, etc. on the docket for SIP Fund discussions during Feb meeting. School visits can yield valuable insights into better or unique ways to do things.

On school visits (for teachers, admin): "It's a very IB practice to learn & grow from one another (here, other schools), so this funding reflects our core principles."

E-mails RE: SAC involvement, follow-ups are coming from Sanderlin SAC e-mail address;

SAC website: <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/2628>

2019-2020
SAC MTG. DATES

Nov. 12

Feb. 11

Mar. 10

April 14

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