

## SAC Minutes

Call to order 5:37pm

**Attendance:** Augie Allen, Molly Auld, Tammy Kaplan, Kelly Brantley, Anna Taraski, Amber Porras, Carrie Plotnick, Pattie Quigley, Laura Hine, Katice Helinski, Ms. Cardinal, Mrs. V, Mr. Jones

Gallery Walk/Discussion:

### **What do you like most?**

- Staff
  - Very cary
  - Communicative
  - Students feel comfortable with teachers and admin to solve problems
- Teachers, staff, administration
  - Kid-centric
  - Help with transitions
  - Help and seeing students with learning challenges
- Teachers feel supported by the administration
- Variety of options that the school offers students
  - Discovery night was great
- Good communication throughout (principal, teachers, PTSA)
- Diversity of students, experiences, life experience leading up

### **Would you recommend JHMS to other families?**

- I would talk about the administration and what a good job they do addressing issues
- Continue to challenge misconceptions around safety
- How do we talk about challenges in honest ways that address concerns around safety
- Cultural/Social perception of lack of safety is a concern for parents interested in JHMS how do we address this

### **What would you change about JHMS?**

- I would like to see more community across disciplines
  - Kids can't come because they need a parent
- I wish PE was better here
  - I wish we were encouraging kids to take it
- Stronger and committed coaches
- Create more school spirit around sports
- End of year field day/Fun and encouraging students to participate
- Friday lunch outside/recess

### **How satisfied are you with the quality of the education received**

- Totally Satisfied
- Gifted and non-gifted students all getting a quality education
- Problem solving around inevitable staffing issues has been positive

### **What are your thoughts on parent/teacher communication**

- Teachers message back within 24 hours
- Very satisfied

### **What improvements would you like to see**

- Beautification of outside of JHMS

- Help make the outside of the school match the inside of the school
- Murals on the outside wall
- What are the smaller things that we could do to help in the short term

What sort of training are the gifted teachers receiving and how are we supporting them? I would love to hear more about that at John Hopkins

Ms Cardinal is being recognized as an A+ Teacher. We are incredibly proud of her and grateful for everything she does for JHMS and the dance program.

Principal Jones shared the testing schedule coming up through April.

Meeting Minutes for the Aug. 2024, Nov 2024 and Jan 2025 minutes

Moved to approve: Anna T.

Second: Laura H.

Minutes were approved.

SAC Meeting ended at 6:15pm