

Lakeside Academy

SAC Minutes

December 17, 2024

In Attendance: Brittny Dobson, Alyssa Skeete, Jesse Gates, Beth McBride, Mehr Nauman, Darren Sides, Celestial McManmon, Karen Albertini, Jessica Richardson (SAC Buddy)

Absent: Margaret Kayo, Lynn Dudley, Chirag Desai are absent

Quorum: (Yes or No)

Call to Order: Brittny Dobson called the call to order for the meeting 3:31 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- Mehr Nauman motioned to approve the minutes
- Beth McBride seconded
- Dr. Gates motioned to approve the last month's agenda
- Brittny Dobson seconded

Budget Review:

- \$0

New Business:

- SAC Buddy Jessica Richardson is the Senior Director of ESE
 - Over 52,000 students in SJCSJ; close to 10,000 fall under the ESE umbrella
 - Discussed program available for ESE students aged 18–22-year-old; over 100 students currently enrolled in this age range
 - 57 pre-k classrooms are being served for ESE services
 - Increase of 9% student population each year; ESE population grows approximately 4% each year

Reports:

- **Principal's Update:**
 - Dr. Gates reviewed:
 - 1364 students currently and growing – approximately 120 students more than projected
 - An additional computer cart was purchased
 - PTO has purchased cubbies for elementary. Currently cubbies are in central receiving waiting to be put together. Look at doing a "Drill with Dads" to assemble and deliver.
 - Middle school blanket and pajamas drive was a huge success. Thank you to Natalie and Bayley (7th grade students) for putting this on.
 - Sports teams are doing great and starting to showcase some Lakeside pride. Basketball has started. A schedule has been released.
 - Access to all areas of the building

Open Agenda:

- Beth McBride asked what the qualifications are for becoming an ESE para
 - Ms. Richardson answered: It is situationally based because there are many avenues to qualify. The district does offer incentives such as higher pay and reimbursement of some exams for certain positions. Anyone interested in an ESE position is encouraged to apply.
- Celestial asked if there is a cap on students who can receive ESE services due to staffing or ratios.

- Ms. Richardson answered: No. When ratios are not met, staff is hired as needed. If staff cannot be hired, a substitute is put in place until the position can be filled. When classroom enrollment is too high, a new classroom is opened.

Next Meeting Date & Time: January 28, 2024

Meeting Adjournment:

- Mehr Nauman motioned to adjourn at 4:00 pm
- Dr Gates seconded the motion

Submitted by: Alyssa Skeete

Name of Recorder: Alyssa Skeete

Name of Position on Board: SAC Co-Chair

Approval Date: