

**Pioneer Middle School**  
**School Accountability Committee Minutes**  
**October 12, 2022**

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**Members in Attendance:**

Carr, Mary	Lugo, Juliana	Spigelman, Jessica
Cohen, Mason	Mazzola, Liliana	Torres, Karen
Fleming, Jane	McCarthy, Sandy	Torres, Stephanie
Keller, Angela	Panditaratne, Greenleigh	Uhler, Richard

**Guests in Attendance**

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**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Pioneer Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Chair Richard Uhler called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Principal – Robert Pappas  
Teacher Representative – Ross Levine (Absent)  
Teacher Representative – Stephanie Torres  
School Advisory Committee Chair/Teacher Representative – Richard Uhler  
School Advisory Committee Secretary/Non-Instructional Representative – Jane Fleming  
Student Council Representative – Greenleigh Panditaratne  
Student Council Representative – Liliana Mazzola  
Student Council Representative – Juliana Lugo  
National Junior Honor Society Representative – Max Cohen  
PTSA Parent Representative – Sandy McCarthy  
ESE Parent Representative – Saskia Stamm (Absent)  
ESOL Parent Representative – Maria Crosinelli (Absent)  
Gifted Parent Representative – Angela Keller  
Business Representative - Vacant  
School Advisory Forum Representative – Karen Torres  
Innovation Zone Representative – Jessica Spigelman  
BTU Steward – Mary Carr

Quorum established.

**Elections of SAC Chair**

**School Advisory Chair** – Mary Carr nominated Richard Uhler, Karen Torres, seconded, motion passed.

**School Advisory Secretary** – Mr. Pappas nominated Jane Fleming, Richard Uhler seconded, motion passed.

**School Advisory Forum Representative** – Jessica Spigelman nominated Karen Torres, Angela Keller seconded, motion passed.

**Innovation Zone Representative:** - Richard Uhler nominated Jessica Spigelman, Angela Keller seconded, motion passed.

### **Approval of the 2022 – 2023 School Advisory Council Bylaws**

1. Length of Term – Members of the School Advisory Council shall be elected for two years. Ms. Carr made a motion to approve, Ms. Torres seconded, motion passed.
2. Officers of this committee will consist of a chairperson and a secretary. Ms. Carr made a motion to approve, Ms. Torres, seconded, motion passed.
3. The officers shall be elected annually at the September meeting. Ms. Carr made a motion to approve, Ms. Torres, seconded, motion passed.
4. Installation of new officers will be held at the first meeting of the school year. Ms. Carr made Motion to approve, Ms. Torres seconded, motion passed.

### **Minutes – May 31, 2022, Meeting**

Ms. Spigelman made a motion to approve, Ms. Keller seconded; motion passed.

### **School Accountability Funds Balance:**

- **School Accountability - \$17,868.00**
- **School Recognition – Funds have not carried over yet**

### **Reports**

#### **Principal – Robert Pappas**

- Congratulate everyone on a successful year last year. We had a record-breaking academic year across all departments. Which is a compliment to both the staff, students, and the parents. This year has been a whirlwind, there has been a lot with the new testing, two hurricane days, power outages, fire drills, etc. Hopefully, we will have less disruptions between now and the end of the year.

This year for the first time the staff is going to vote as to whether we move to a block schedule for next year. We will be having a conversation as to the pros and cons. The first vote will be if we even want to consider the move. If more than 66 2/3 of the staff vote no, it stops right there. If the vote is yes, then we have a deeper conversation and move on to a second vote. If it passes it will be for a two-year commitment. This is strictly a staff vote and Mr. Pappas does not have a stake in it. Part of Mr. Pappas's job as a leader is to inform the staff effectively. Some teachers like the block because they think they can make more money; some do not like it because they do not want to teach a 90-minute session. Those are valuable reasons but are not good enough, those are surface level thinking. His job is to give more detail and more examples and show the teachers how it is going to impact them and obviously most important is to consider the children. This is a four-by-four block, which is an A-day and a B-day. Students would have eight classes, four on A-day and four on B-day. On a block a student could have four core and four electives.

#### **Student Council – Juliana Lugo, Liliana Mazzola, Greenleigh Panditaratne**

- Student Council is having a Halloween Movie Night on October 28<sup>th</sup> and they will be selling refreshments. The money will be donated to Athletics for new uniforms.
- Student Council and NJHS want to do a Hurricane Supply drive.
- The last week in October they are going to sell the Breast Cancer Awareness bracelets.

**NJHS – Mason Cohen, President**

- Had their second meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Held a beach clean up last weekend and had 20 students show up
- Tutoring is happening every Thursday and is going well. All the spots have been filled.

**PTSA – Sandy McCarthy, President**

- Had a family night at Menchies
- Membership cards should be distributed soon.
- They will be sponsoring the Harvest Drive
- The Toy Drive will be coming soon
- The big fundraiser will be kicking off after the new year.
- The meetings will be alternating this year morning meetings in person and then PM Zoom the next.

**Community/Business. – Vacant****School Advisory Forum – Karen Torres**

- The first meeting was held at McArthur High School and all the Principals were there.
- School Board Policies are being reviewed.
- Book Fairs are not cancelled and there is a committee to address the books being sold.

**IZONE – Jessica Spigelman**

- No meeting has been planned yet.

**BTU – Mary Carr, Union Steward**

- Everything is going well and here to support the teachers.

**Unfinished Business**

- In May, Richard Uhler made a request in May to purchase \$2,000 in sheet music. Band does not have a textbook, so this replaces a textbook. Ms. Torres made a motion to approve, Ms. Spigelman seconded, motion passed.

**Presentation**

- School Wide Positive Behavior Plan - Moved to next month.

**New Business:**

- School Improvement Plan – Richard Uhler went over all the parts that are a part of the plan and everyone who assisted in putting it together. Also, that in each SAC meeting we do in part discuss the School Improvement Plan. Mr. Pappas said that the SIP is work that we already do. There is goal setting and work that already goes on every day. This is just the compliance piece. In each SAC meeting we discuss the SIP.
- The staff brought up the possibility of bringing up the school dress code and bringing back the vote for uniforms.

Ms. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Spigelman seconded, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Fleming

Secretary

Approval Date: 10/26/22