

**FACES/PCEG – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Action Items:**

PCEG Executive

- Post Constitution/Bylaws
- Draft Survey (Collaborate with Burkie)
- Organize/promote Teacher Appreciation (May)
- Help organize Student/Parent Orientation (Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>)

Head of School Items

- Circulate Soccer Academy Proposal to PCEG
- Follow up on Food Program options
- Look into posting teacher bios on social media to promote SJA and teacher appreciation.

Burkie

- Solicit student ideas re Easter Seal Collaboration
- Encourage student social media/culture sharing
- Explore opportunities for inter-school student social/emotional collaboration and learning

**1. Head of School (Updates and Agenda Topics)**

**a. Soccer Academy**

- Integrated program – 3 classes online, 3 in person. 20 players grade 9 and 10. All boys. Hope to start 2023 Sept.
- SJA hoping to partner with Easter Seals Camp to provide facility (Septic needs upgrading at a large cost but if facility could be shared it could provide staff housing, pool, soccer field etc)
- Until a field can be prepared and acquired the kids will be bussed down to Langford several times a week.
- Students to pay \$3500 (plus boarding school fees)
- Hoping to integrate the soccer students as much as possible into SJA culture.

**Parent Comments/Concerns**

- Business plan – are all the additional costs of the program being covered?
- Will teachers/staff be stretched?
- Noted that Langford bus is being cancelled for current students – could this be an opportunity for regular student transportation as well?

**b. Teacher Pay Equity**

- Teacher pay is 98% of SD79. Increased by 3.5%. Most teachers have indicated they want to stay at SJA.
- This year 70% of boarding students have reenrolled (improvement over last year). Big focus on connection and creating family. Confident the school will continue to grow.

### **Parent Comments/Concerns**

- Suggestion that it would be great to make a video – from teachers to speak to work life at SJA (for recruiting purposes).
- It would be helpful to know which staff are leaving in June to plan for teacher appreciation.
- Suggestion to post staff bios on social media.

### **c. SEL Presentation – Burkie Burgess**

- Social Emotional Focus. Advocate for creating a safe space for student so students feel a sense of belonging.
- Other key staff work with Burkie (Serena – guidance counsellor; Heather – registered nurse; Leah – student services).
- Goal is for each student to have one trusted adult.
- Staff would like feedback – are students feeling connected? Plan to conduct student surveys.
- Student councils from different schools possibly coming together (what’s working, what’s not).

### **Parent Comments/Concerns**

- Huge appreciation for the focus on social emotional support – this helps all the students (and parents by association).
- Suggestion for survey to see how parents are connected to teachers.

## **2. Parent Community Engagement Group (Updates and Agenda Topics)**

### **a. PCEG Constitution and Bylaws**

- Recommendation to change name to Parent Community Engagement Group (PCEG). Acknowledged that the term PAC has specific association and PCEG is consistent with the original FACES approach.
- Draft Constitution and Bylaws will be in the new parent portal for PCEG for review

### **b. Fundraising Committee/organization – tabled**

### **c. School Nourishment/Food Program**

- Suggestion that salad bar/sandwich bar and bowls of fruit to be offered
- important for productive learning and government mandated to be healthy, nutritious and fresh (specific guidelines re: fats, grains, sugars, etc)

### **d. Gaming Grant request – tabled**

- awaiting more details regarding the paddle-a-thon

### **e. Other**

- Noted that there is a new student orientation planned for Aug 31st.
- Suggestion to also organize a parent orientation.

Next meeting **Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6-7:30pm.**