

Ketterlinus Elementary School

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Media Center **Date:** 12/19/2023 **Time:** 7:45 **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:52 am

Attendance	M or A	Attendance	M or A
Jossy Taylor	M	Cara Shaw	M
Katie Mahon	A	Matt Brown	M
Tabitha Frost	M	Danielle Somerville	A
Marion Chesek	A	Lindsay Niewoehner	A
Lourdes Ramon	M	Cyndie LaFontaine	M
Jessica Misterly		Kelly Toaston	M
Allison Baker	A	Lindsay Niewoehner	A
George Mastoridis		Bethany Hilbert	M
Catherine Williamson	M	Kathy Tucker	M
Linda Thompson		Suzanne Brush	
John Wooldridge		Kim Hinman	
		Gabriel Pellicer	
		Diana Markowitz	
Quorum- Yes			

Call to Order:

A Virtual/Live meeting of the Ketterlinus School Advisory Council was held on December 19, 2023 via Zoom and in person. Bethany Hilbert called the meeting to order at 7:52 am.

- I. Welcome & Handouts
- II. Motion to approve the minutes from May will happen in October once SAC members have been decided. Motion to approve minutes- Cara Shaw & Kelly Toaston
- III. SAC General Information
 - a. Finance Report- Finance Report- Recent discovery of different monetary amounts in SAC. Two different pots of money (unused school recognition funds and any unused lead teacher money). The money does not get replenished from the state. Total- \$8, 032.16
 - b. Principal's Report- Thank you to PTO for rewarding the teachers with lunch last Friday for school grade recognition of being an A last year. The Jingle Cart was also wonderful! We will be able to hire 3 tutors will

one more bit of funding from the district (state?). Third grade scores will be counted twice this year to the wards school grade, so the focus will be on those students in third grade who need more help. PM2 just wrapped up for reading and math. The Freckle Challenge has started to keep kids fresh with their learning during the holiday break. Students who complete their challenge card will receive a coupon for a free ice cream.

IV. Old Business- No old business

V. New Business

- a. SAC Fund Request- Sue Brush & Kim Hinman on behalf of Literacy Week (January 22-26, 2023). Idea is for a Literacy Café one night during Literacy Week, where parents make a reservation and come pick from a “menu” of items in the area of reading. The amount of funds being requested is \$960.00 to cover expenses for the evening. Matt Brown & Kelly Toaston. All members were in favor of approving the funds.

- b. Sing Out Loud/St. Augustine Amp Guest Speakers- Gabriel Pellicer & Diana Markowitz. Sing Out Loud started seven years ago, which included local artists singing around time. War Hippies- During a conversation, it was discussed how Florida ranks 48/50 in the US for money put towards music in schools. They are both veterans and found healing through music. The group wanted to make a charitable contribution from the Sing Out Loud ticket sales to put more money into schools for musical instruments. Overall, \$70,000 was raised. The musical instrument company called Sweetwater will be matching funds. 49 schools received instruments and sheet music (violas, oboes, violins, steel drums, etc.). Sebastian Middle School is currently the only middle school with an orchestra, so they greatly benefitted and hopefully more schools will soon. The other charities were the First Responders Charity (retreats for first responders with PTSD and families) and the Florida State Parks. Next year’s charity focus will be in the area of wildlife conservation in Florida. Ketterlinus will benefit from the funds raised by turning the music room into a proper auditorium like it was a long time ago. Swing Park will also have playground instruments installed and the hope is that famous artists will come and have students visit and learn how to play the instruments.

VI. Good of the group/ Future agenda items / Announcements- None

VII. Next Meeting: January 23, 2024

VIII. Adjournment at 8:33 am