

# MINUTES

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 21, 2024 6:03 pm | *Meeting called to order by Melanie Stern*

### In Attendance

Dr. Gjini, Mrs. Danowski, Melanie Stern, Jessica Esposito, Ariane Wilson, Yamilette Ronda-Velez, Lena Rink, Krista Aloy, Brooke Epstein, Naomi Davila, Samantha Koonce and Kristen Simpson

### Approval of Minutes

November meeting minutes were approved.

### Principal's Update

#### New Business

#### Enrollment Update:

- Enrollment has gone from 734 to 752
- With growth comes growing pains, there is a permanent sub in the ASD. Open positions are 4<sup>th</sup> grade (2) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They have interviewed for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade position and hopeful it will work out.
- Para's update: We are need of 2 additional para's.

District Visit: Four district employees came to Freedom and visited 10 classrooms and gave positive reviews.

1. There was positivity in the classrooms and around the school
2. Students are taking ownership of learning
3. Small group instruction was observed
4. Student engagement, turn and talk was observed
5. Walking around the school, you can see students work and teachers' boards
6. Resources given from the county was being utilized in the classrooms
7. Teachers plan together and it shows in the classroom
8. Increase the writing through all subject areas

#### Testing:

- Parents will be given a testing schedule starting after Thanksgiving break
- PM3 is typically throughout May

#### Field Trip:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went to Agventure
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Emerson Point Dec 3/4
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade will go to Bishop Feb 11/12
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Jungle Gardens

- Kindergarten is still in the planning phase
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is still in planning phase

Art Contest:

- UTC holiday card is up to vote for Freedom. You can vote once a day on multiple devices
- NEXT GEN magazine came and Freedom participating in the World Christmas Market at the Civic Center. Freedom will be doing Sweden. December 4 – 8.

Team Lead Stipend:

- Currently there are 9 team leads but the team lead stipend is only for 8 so they have agreed to split the full amount and divide by 9. Mrs. Simpson is taking care of the paperwork.

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## Next Meeting

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Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 pm - Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie Stern at 6:43 pm with a unanimous 2<sup>nd</sup>.