

JSM SIC Meeting February 26, 2025 at 5:30pm

Attendees: Anna Claire Day, Beth Dillenkoffer, Maria Cash, Julia Brandel, Todd Jenkins, Ilknur Cetin

We approved the minutes from our January meeting.

Anna Claire mentioned that we need a chair, co-chair and secretary for SIC. We will work on voting for those and start them in the fall.

We discussed other topics to keep on our list to “debunk”. Those are:

- 3rd to 8th grader - debunk the Powerschool app

- Canvas

- Chronic Absenteeism - if you miss 10% of school, doesn't matter why you're out, even with a note

- Level Up - moving up

- CCSD school choice help (there's likely already information out there on this)

We also discussed adding some reminders / blurb from Nurse Jen to the weekly parent emails.

We discussed the best way to communicate to parents. For now, Ms. Beth's weekly email has so much important info in it! Please remind friends / parents how important it is to read it all. Potentially, we could offer something at the beginning of the year on how to log in for your student, teacher expectations, etc. Could be led the teacher. Aka “meet the teacher” for parents. An idea was brought up to offer videos on the website and weekly emails on how to's and things. This is another good way to communicate to parents.

Friends of James Simons purchased the viewing license of Screenagers (elementary version). CCSD will be offering a viewing for parents in March before the students are shown it. We talked about whether we should have it the same night as the March SIC/FOJS meetings, but we thought that might be too long of a commitment for parents.

The upper el / adolescent school counselor would like to start a program called “Coffee with the Counselor” for parents. It would be every other month (starting next fall) after drop off for parents to meet and get to know the school counselors, discuss important issues facing students, etc. There should be one this spring before the end of the year. This would be sponsored by the SIC. Anna Claire will be asking for coffee funds from Friends of James Simons. In general, there was a lot of excitement over this idea. And possibly, maybe these sessions could be filmed or the counselor could post a video of what was discussed.

We discussed an idea from the last meeting, sending a survey to parents about chronic absenteeism. We decided this wasn't necessary at this time. Ms. Beth will add some little “did you know” tips to her emails to help educate about what chronic absenteeism is. Also, the

counselor will likely address this topic next year in her "Coffee with the Counselor" sessions and why it is important to be on time and be at school.

To do:

Add debunking iReady to website, under Parents (Anna Claire/Rosie) DONE

Send new math links to Beth (Anna Claire) DONE

Add Fun Fact about absenteeism to Beth's email

Add math game links to website (Anna Claire/Rosie) DONE

Add "did you know?" / fun fact section to weekly parent emails about Chronic Absenteeism (Ms. Beth)

Add How To's to the website

See if there is any existing CCSD school choice help items out there / post to our website