

SAC Agenda for Friday, March 16

- Call to Order: 8:10 am
- Review norms: respect each other's thoughts and opinions.

- Approval of January 2018 Minutes
Motion to approve: Mr. Allison
Second: Mrs. Tephford-Rush
All approve

- Current Budget: \$4,611 (teachers) and \$4,788.15 (classroom)

- Funding Request -- Mrs. Azzarelli ELA
-Thank you for approving our original request. Those novels have arrived. There are additional novels that Mrs. Azzarelli would like to purchase additional novels for the ELA department. The titles are *Flipped*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, *The Odyssey* (graphic novel), and *King Arthur* (graphic novel). With additional novels, students will be able to use class sets. The cost is for \$553.78.
Motion to approve: Mrs. Tephford-Rush
Second: Mr. Allison
All approve

- Family and Community Engagement (FACE); Cultural and Fine Arts Night -- Mrs. Alvarez
-Who? All fine arts teachers! The community, NJHS members, and Heron Heights!
What? Celebrating cultural diversity and WMS artistic talent!
When? On Thursday, April 19, from 5 pm – 8 pm!
Where? At Westglades!
Why? Recognizing differences and highlighting the Fine Arts Initiative!
How? Nikki Grant said, "I know with what's happened we are all still trying to wrap our heads around it, but I believe we can make this event a healing one. All of our vendors have prepared healing performances. Because it's near Earth day, we can show how this diverse community came together in the hardest time ever. Our new theme is **'One Earth, One People, One Love.'**" Families can present healing words if they would like.

- 2018-2019 6th Grade Course Offerings -- Schwartz
-The elementary schools are excited. We assess the course card every year. For example, a few new courses added are: introduction to debate; speech writing; mock-debates; TWEET topics – to build a community project-based learning and express themselves. Engineering has been clarified. The foundations for Finance and Engineering are the same; they may veer off into one, the other, or neither. Other courses offered: band, orchestra; PE; introduction to multimedia, maybe multimedia 2; etc.
-There will be an in-coming 6th grade parent meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 in the auditorium.
-Parent Question: For GEARS, students must take GEM and GEARS both?
-Mrs. Schwartz: They can remain here in the program, but once they get to high school, they might have a hybrid class to come up with a path for those students.

- 5K Update -- Mrs. Fondren
-Mrs. Latanya said the 5K is on May 6, at 7 am.
-Two teams have committed: Hayes Heroes and Johnson Jogging heroes; \$25 per entry; parents are welcome to participate; they may email Mrs. Latanya and Mrs. Tephford-Rush.

- Testing Update -- Mrs. Wilson
-FSA/EOC Testing Schedule will begin after Spring Break; ELA Testing which is paper-based for 6th and 7th grade is on 4/3 and computer-based for 8th grade is on 4/4. All other testing will

be computer-based. Teachers are prepared for testing and preparing their students. After break, it will run smoothly. The district testing office said that for the 2018-2019 school year, they are going to move the writing assessment back to paper-based testing.

-Parent question: Is it because of computer issues?

-Mrs. Wilson: Computers are not a problem for our school, but it might be a district issue.

- School Update -- Mr. Bianchi

-Mr. Bianchi will address safety during the SAF meeting.

-Today we have a modified schedule. School's out at 12:45. It evolved after a conversation between Runcie and the union. Teachers need more time to use the resources available to them. There will be outside resources coming in. We've had grief counselors for teachers and students. We have followed-up with students for social and emotional support. We had a night at the school for parents to speak to their children, i.e. to have healthy conversations with children.

-On February 12, NBC 6 filmed a "Brag About Your School" segment; we spotlighted the Fine Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs.

-Regarding articulation and matriculation, we have a course description on the website. We will be adding a few courses to both 6th and 7th grade.

-On March 21, there will be an in-coming 6th grade parent meeting, as mentioned.

-On March 14, the guidance counselors came out from Douglas. We are still working on rescheduling a day for those students who need to make it up.

-Early release will be on 3/22, and the teacher workday will be on 3/23.

- New Business

-None

- Next Meeting April 27, 2018

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 am