

SAC Members Present

Tracie Casserly
Niti Chhabra
Donna Cooper
Christine Henschel
Noshin Khan
Nereida Miller
Marsha Samuels
Daniel Swirsky
Jodi Swirsky
Alicia Vilarchao
Emily Vilarchao

SAC Guests Present:

Cindy O'Brien
Steven Halpern
Abraham Ng
Robert Rose

Ms. Casserly called the SAC meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the SPS Media Center. The October SAC meeting minutes were disseminated. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve the October SAC minutes. Ms. Swirsky seconded the motion. All were in favor; the October minutes were approved.

Ms. Casserly updated SAC on the balance in our SAC Accountability Fund. We currently have \$45,883.97.

Mr. Halpern presented a request for SAC to pay for SAT/ACT math tutoring.

His request:

Group Tutoring SAT/ACT Math after school from 3:06pm-5:21pm held in room 524 with ½ hour prep time for each session. Approximate total time is 35.5 hours. Princeton/Kaplan review books will be employed and problems will be reviewed via Elmo device and white board. Proposed dates: 12/6/19, 1/10/20, 1/24/20, 2/11/20, 2/18/20, 2/25/20, 3/3/20, 3/10/20, 3/31/20, 4/7/20, 4/14/20, 4/21/20, and 4/29/20.

Total request: Mr. Halpern is requesting 35.5 hours X \$30 per hour = \$1065 for SAT/ACT math tutoring. Ms. Cooper moved that we vote on approving \$1065 for SAT/ACT math tutoring. Ms. Casserly seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken and all SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Ms. Casserly presented a request for SAC to pay for Algebra and Geometry EOC tutoring.

Her request:

Algebra and Geometry EOC tutoring – after school from January through April and on some Saturdays in March and April.

Algebra EOC tutoring – Request is for 3 hours per week X 16 weeks = 48 hours, plus 2 hours per Saturday X 4 Saturdays = 8 hours. Total request for Algebra EOC tutoring is for 48+8 hours = 56 hours. 56 hours X \$30 per hour = \$1680.

Geometry EOC tutoring – Request is for 3 hours per week X 16 weeks = 48 hours, plus 2 hours per Saturday X 4 Saturdays = 8 hours. Total request for Geometry EOC tutoring is for 48+8 hours = 56 hours. 56 hours X \$30 per hour = \$1680.

Total request is for \$1680 for Algebra EOC tutoring plus \$1680 for Geometry EOC tutoring = total request of \$3360.

Ms. Cooper moved that we vote on approving \$3360 for Algebra and Geometry EOC tutoring. Ms. Swirsky seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken and all SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Ms. Casserly gave an update on our school improvement plan.

There were four nominations for SAC Employee of the Month:

Nominated by Ms. Williams (rollover from last month):

I would like to nominate Nicole Pollino as SAC Employee of the Month. Nicole has taken on additional responsibilities this year. She stepped up to take over the Gifted Support Facilitator. She is mentoring one of our new Paladins and has also taken on the 11th grade ELA PLC. She gives 100% to all that she undertakes and always finishes things accurately and in a timely manner.

Nominated by Dr. Pollino (rollover from last month):

I would like to nominate Jessica Palamino. Jessica is involved in numerous activities in and out of school. She is an ESE Support facilitator, BTU steward and the TIER liaison. She is organized and patient and has done a tremendous job organizing mentors with mentees.

Nominated by Ms. Henschel:

I would like to nominate Mr. Mintz for SAC Employee of the Month. Mr. Mintz is the greatest school cheerleader. He has strong connections with the kids and attends numerous school functions to support students in their extracurricular interests. He is also instrumental in our Cambridge program, teaching a required course for the program and collaborating with other AICE teachers and the magnet program.

Nominated by Ms. Vilarchao:

I would like to nominate Mr. McMahon for SAC Employee of the Month. Mr. McMahon is in charge of directing traffic in the mornings and afternoons. He represents "focusing on the positive" with his pleasant demeanor and friendliness. Thanks to his efforts, the traffic flow this year has been phenomenal.

SAC voted to name Mr. Mintz for the November SAC Employee of the Month and to name Mr. McMahon for the December SAC Employee of the Month.

In new business, Ms. Henschel shared that our EMT program was just approved last Wednesday by the School Board. It will be the first of its kind in a public school in Dade and Broward County. Two charter schools in Dade have this EMT program, but no other traditional public schools have it. This EMT program will be for seniors only. They will graduate with their high school diploma as well as their EMT certification. This has been 2 years in the making, and Ms. Henschel is thrilled that this EMT program was approved and will now be up and running.

Ms. Henschel also shared that we hired a new Behavior Specialist, Mr. Derek Felder, who will also be our new I.S. person. Mr. Felder will also be using our HERO program to monitor student tardies and attendance. Since implementing our HERO system, tardies are down and attendance has improved.

SAC then discussed how to spend the \$100,000 discretionary money we have from the SMART bond. Ms. Henschel stated that redoing the bathrooms in the rotunda would require an architect for new ADA requirements as well as a General Contractor, which would eat up a lot of the money. She stated that we could "refresh" rather than completely "redo" the rotunda bathrooms, which would mean redoing the floors, repainting the walls, new lighting, etc. She has a company offering to redo a small bathroom in our school for free as a "test" to see how the rotunda bathrooms would look if they were "refreshed".

SAC discussed maybe doing something to refresh our cafeteria with new tables, murals or wraps on the walls, new flooring, etc. Ms. Henschel is going to get an estimate for that.

No decisions were made regarding the discretionary money, and SAC will continue to discuss options for this money at each SAC meeting until a decision is made. SAC will then vote on which options for this discretionary money will go on a ballot for every parent and every faculty member to vote on. The option with the most votes will "win".

The SAC meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm and was followed immediately by the SAF meeting.