

SAC Members Present

Tracie Casserly
Niti Chhabra
Donna Cooper
Christine Henschel
Noshin Khan
Jenny Lovince
Madeline Rosario
Marsha Samuels
Daniel Swirsky
Jodi Swirsky

SAC Guests Present:

Cindy O'Brien
Abraham Ng
Robert Rose

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

Ms. Casserly updated SAC on the balance in our SAC Accountability Fund. We currently have \$47,503.85. This balance includes the \$5 per student for the 2019/2020 school year, as well as the rollover balance from the 2018/2019 school year.

SAC revisited our SAC bylaws, and new SAC bylaws were approved.

Mr. Rose presented a request for SAC to pay for Social Studies FSA and US History EOC tutoring. The tutoring would be after school and on two Saturdays for "bootcamp". He requested funding for 40 hours of Social Studies tutoring after school and 8 hours of tutoring for the Saturday bootcamps. The request was for 48 hours X \$30 per hour = \$1440. Ms. Casserly moved that SAC vote to approve this funding request. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Ms. Cooper presented a request for SAC to pay for ELA tutoring after school. She requested funding for 60 hours of ELA tutoring. The request was for 60 hours X \$30 per hour = \$1800. Ms. Casserly moved that SAC vote to approve this funding request. Ms. Chhabra seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Ms. Casserly gave an update on our school improvement plan and shared information from the school improvement plan training she and Mr. Reed recently attended.

There were two nominations for SAC Employee of the Month:

Nominated by Dr. Culpepper:

I would like to nominate Tara Kingcade for the Teacher of the Month. I have not known many (if any) Physical Education teachers who have master's degrees in counseling, but Tara Kingcade does. Not only does she teach very large classes of HOPE PE (I actually do not think I could ever learn names of 70+ students having them every other day) but she also had to learn how to teach the "Water Safety" and HOPE curriculum to magnet students upon arriving at South Plantation. Jumping into the pool to teach non-swimmers in one day and then Small Craft Safety at Tiger Tail Lake in Dania became her responsibilities. Organizing the SBBC water approved trips is no easy task but Ms. Kingcade has done it while accommodating Early Release and Professional Days off and still has her sanity probably due to her counseling degree!

She finds time to coach Girls' Basketball and is the only female to be in charge of the non-air conditioned girls' locker room. Another thankless task.

Nominated by Ms. Williams:

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:

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.

SAC voted to name Ms. Kingcade the October SAC Employee of the Month.

In new business, Ms. Henschel shared that the carpet in the main mall both upstairs and downstairs is going to be removed and replaced with tile.

SAC then discussed how to spend the \$100,000 discretionary money we have from the SMART bond. Ms. Casserly stated that Mr. Holmes thinks we may need 6 to 10 more laptop carts, with 30 laptops each. They cost about \$7,000 each. Ms. Henschel shared that the district has a new IT director, and that this new IT director is an "Apple fan". The new IT director has a plan for the district, and we may want to wait and see what this new plan is before purchasing new laptop carts.

Ms. Cooper asked if we could purchase more desks with the discretionary money. Ms. Henschel stated that she already ordered new desks from her budget, and we are just waiting on them to arrive.

Ms. Henschel shared that the cost to cover the lockers in the hallways, which are no longer in use, would be about \$23,000 to \$27,000. We could possibly turn the old lockers into display cases or something else.

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 pm and was followed immediately by the SAF meeting.