

SAC Members Present

Tracie Casserly

Donna Cooper

Alyce Culpepper

Christine Henschel

Nereida Miller

Madeline Rosario

Nelson Rose (came late, after voting on SAC accountability funding, so he did not vote on funding requests)

Marsha Samuels

Daniel Swirsky

Jodi Swirsky

Alicia Vilarchao

SAC Guests Present:

Benjamin Blodgett

Cindy O'Brien

Ricardo Marino

Abraham Ng

Ms. Casserly called the SAC meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the SPHS Media Center. The May SAC meeting minutes were disseminated. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve the May SAC minutes. Dr. Culpepper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the April minutes were approved.

Ms. Casserly updated SAC on the balance in our SAC Accountability Fund. We currently have \$19,743.13. This is only the new money for this school year, and does not include any rollover money from last school year. The rollover money should be deposited in October.

Mr. Acierno presented a request, in writing, for SAC to pay for ACT and SAT tutoring this school year. The tutoring would be for ACT grammar, reading, and science as well as for SAT reading and grammar. He requested 105.75 hours of tutoring for the school year, for the months of September through March. The request was for 105.75 hours X \$30 per hour = \$3172.50. Ms. Casserly moved that SAC vote to approve this funding request. Ms. Swirsky seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Mr. Marino presented a request for SAC to pay for two teachers to work at South's new Saturday Enrichment program each Saturday that it is offered, from 8 am to noon. South Plantation is implementing Saturday Enrichment (detention) for the students that are habitually tardy to class or school, cutting class, or out of dress code. Saturday Enrichment will focus on academics or service hours for the students that attend. Mr. Marino requested \$3120 for two teacher to work at each Saturday Enrichment program. Ms. Vilarchao moved that SAC vote to approve this funding request. Ms. Casserly seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted "yes", so the motion passed.

Ms. Casserly presented a request for SAC to pay \$17 for each of fifty 9th graders to take the PSAT/NMSQT. These 9th graders took Algebra 1 in 8th grade but did not pass the Algebra 1 EOC. The Algebra 1 EOC is a graduation requirement. There are some concordant scores that can take the place of the Algebra 1 EOC. Those concordant scores are a 430 on the math PSAT/NMSQT, a 420 on the math SAT, or a 16 on the math ACT. The concordant score of a 97 on the math PERT only applies to current 11th and 12th graders. It does not apply to current 9th and 10th graders. The hope is that these 9th graders can get the concordant score of 430 on the math PSAT/NMSQT, to keep them on their path to graduation. The funding request is for $\$17 \times 50 = \850 . SAC members discussed that there should also be tutoring offered to help these 9th graders pass the math PSAT. A request was made for 5 hours of math PSAT tutoring. $5 \text{ hours} \times \$30 \text{ per hour} = \150 . Ms. Vilarchao moved that SAC vote to approve this funding request for a total of \$1000. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. 9 out of the 10 SAC members present for the vote voted “yes”, 1 out of 10 voted “no”, so the motion passed.

Nominations were taken for the SAC chairperson. Ms. Casserly was nominated to be the SAC chairperson. No others were nominated. An oral vote was taken, all voted for Ms. Casserly to be the SAC chairperson. Ms. Casserly will be the SAC chairperson this school year.

Ms. Casserly gave an update on our school improvement plan from last school year, as well as on the new plan for this year. Ms. Casserly and Mr. Reed will be attending training for this year’s school improvement plan tomorrow, 9/11/19, at Pompano Beach H.S.

There were two nominations for SAC Employee of the Month:

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Nominated by Dr. Culpepper:

I would like to nominate Nick Duarte for the staffer of the month. Not only is he a South Plantation graduate (and member of the Paladin Society when he was a student), but he has been the driving force behind the Paladin Society for years after Rick Friedman gave up the advisorship. Nick and his students participate in all South Plantation events as well as community ones, especially the multi-weekend Renaissance Festival in Deerfield. As an Environmental Studies major in college, he joined the magnet program after working in Broward County Parks. He had to take the teaching courses while he was a member of the faculty. As the marine science teacher he continues to maintain the aquariums throughout the school year and summers and holidays with Carey Holder and students. We all shared his grief with the untimely death of his wife from cancer, and are so grateful he is there for his children as well as the South Plantation family.

Nominated by Ms. Casserly:

I would like to nominate Jane Osley for SAC Employee of the Month. Jane is the Geometry PLC leader. She did a great job last year of heading the Geometry team, and our Geometry scores went up 4%. This year, she continues to do a great job leading the Geometry team. She has also gone above and beyond to help our new Geometry teacher get acclimated and ready to start teaching her Geometry courses. Jane has given up many of her planning periods to help this new teacher, as well as to help other Geometry teachers. She also tutors her own students during her planning periods, study hall, lunch and after school. Jane has willingly given so much of her own time to help her colleagues and her students, and I think she deserves to be recognized for it.

SAC voted to name Mr. Duarte the August SAC Employee of the Month, and to name Ms. Osley the September SAC Employee of the Month.

In new business, Ms. Henschel stated that we have had a fantastic start of the school year. There is a good “positive” vibe throughout the school, and the students are all behaving well and doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Ms. Henschel shared that we are very close to getting approval to have a fire academy at South Plantation HS, pending district approval. If approved, the fire academy would start by October 1st. Students may be 17 years old to start the fire academy, but must be 18 years old before graduating from the fire academy. The fire academy would be run through Barry University.

Ms. Henschel shared updates on the SMART bond. We still have to decide how to spend our \$100,000 discretionary money from this SMART bond fund. Ms. Henschel asked for a quote to renovate the 2 bathrooms in the rotunda area by the gym. The costs are way higher than \$100,000, so that is not an option. Ms. Henschel has also asked for quotes to remove the lockers that are no longer used, or to at least cover them up. She also asked for quotes to replace the flooring in the cafeteria. To replace the flooring would require asbestos testing and inspection, and may prove to be too costly. SAC will continue discussing options for the \$100,000 discretionary SMART bond money, and once SAC decides on the options, parents will be able to vote on which option they prefer.

Ms. Henschel stated that our HVAC system is due to be replaced in year 5 of the SMART bond program. Right now, it is slated for a 2021 completion. Ms. Henschel is pushing for the HVAC replacement to happen sooner, due to all of the air conditioning issues from our current HVAC system. Dr. Culpepper also noted that there is no air conditioning in the locker rooms, and that there needs to be.

The SAC meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm, and was followed by the SAF meeting.