SAC Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019

***SAC Members Present***

Tracie Casserly

Donna Cooper

Alyce Culpepper

Christine Henschel

Shyanne Michel

Nereida Miller

Gina Rodriguez

Marsha Samuels

Jodi Swirsky

***SAC Guests Present:***

Cindy O’Brien

Daniel Swirsky

Ms. Casserly called the SAC meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the SPHS Media Center. The April SAC meeting minutes were disseminated. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve the April 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 now have $29,667.61.

Ms Casserly presented the following proposal for SAC Accountability Funds for SAT/ACT math tutoring:

* SAT test is June 1
* ACT test is June 8
* Math tutoring would be after school on Mon. 5/20, Wed. 5/22, Fri. 5/24, and Wed. 5/29 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
* Math tutoring for the ACT math would also be offered on Sat. 6/1 from 9 am to noon (for those students not taking the SAT on 6/1).

This equals 11 hours of math tutoring, plus 3 hours for teacher preparation time (to include the cost of paper). Request is for 14 total hours X avg. hourly rate of $30 per hour = $420.

Dr. Culpepper moved that SAC vote to approve $420 for SAT/ACT math tutoring. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All SAC members present voted “yes”. The motion passed.

Ms. Casserly gave an update on our school improvement plan, and the training she attended at the end of April.

SAC voted to continue meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm in the 2019/2020 school year. Our SAC meeting dates for next year will be:

9/10/19, 10/8/19, 11/12/19, No December meeting, 1/14/20, 2/11/20, 3/10/20, 4/14/20, 5/12/20

There were two nominations for SAC Employee of the Month:

1. Nominated by Ms. McNeile - I would like to nominate Jessica Palomino.  She was a dynamic teacher when in the classroom but is just as dynamic as an ESE facilitator!  She juggles many hats and has so much passion and energy for all the things that she does!  She is always looking on the positive side no matter what the situation is. She has been a great asset to the Fun Squad Planning committee, is an awesome BTU steward and great friend! She makes sure that the faculty is always updated on union business and is a great advocate for us.  We need more people to have her energy and passion for life.
2. Nominated by Ms. Auten-Wallace - Hi, many times the support staff is often over-looked so I wanted to take a moment to nominate one outstanding DHH interpreter, Sean Morrison.  He is one of my dream team members in my post- graduation program, SPHERE/PASS for ESE young adults 18-22. (continued on the back)

Sean works closely with my DHH students of different levels and behaviors. He stepped up at the beginning of the year to help me through one of my roughest school starts in 30 plus year when my mother-in-law was battling cancer and I was a mess before and after her passing--along with Jaine Browett, and Angelina Smith.  Without them, I would not have made it.

When our second interpreter was removed due to need, we had to scramble to restructure our program to make sure that the varied levels of DHH students, as well as the SVE students would continue to have a strong instruction component, both in the classroom and out in the community, where we go daily.  Many times we had to often split him between the kids to meet the needs of all the DHH kids for the given site instruction. I keep telling him that I wish I could clone him as it has not been easy, but he has been a trooper and works really well with all of us.

He is a big part of our team and is always ready with ideas and/or suggestions to help us help the DHH to have more success in comprehension and application of information. I have learned a lot from Sean about the DHH population and have enjoyed watching him interact with not only the DHH students, but the rest of the kids, as well. He really connects with the students--so neat to watch.

Sean is a low flyer but sometimes I think low flyers need a light to shine on who they are and what they do every day to make a difference with the students and within our program. He is AWESOME!

SAC voted to name Ms. Palomino the May SAC Employee of the Month and to name Mr. Morrison the June SAC Employee of the Month.

In new business, Ms. Miller shared that we will hold a retirement dinner on May 28th at 6 pm at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club to celebrate the “South Super Six” veteran teachers who are retiring. Please RSVP to Ms. Miller by Friday, May 17th if you would like to attend.

Ms. Casserly also shared the dates of our 7 Professional Study days for the 2019/2020 school year:

9/12/19, 10/3/19, 11/7/19, 1/16/20, 2/6/20, 3/5/20, 4/2/20

The SAC meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. The SAF meeting followed the SAC meeting.