SAC Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018

SAC Members Present:

Gianna Caminero

Tracie Casserly

Madeline Colon

Donna Cooper

Alyce Culpepper

Christine Henschel

Nereida Miller

Gina Paragone

Marsha Samuels

Gordie Simon

Jodi Swirsky

SAC Guests Present:

Nelson Rose

Alicia Vilarchao

Anthony Acierno

Cindy O’Brien

Ms. Casserly called the SAC meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the SPHS Media Center. The May 2018 SAC meeting minutes were disseminated. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve the May SAC minutes. Ms. Swirsky seconded the motion. All were in favor, the May minutes were approved.

SAC gets $5 per year, per student, in the SAC accountability fund. These funds are to be used to meet the goals of our School Improvement Plan. We currently have $11,300 in our SAC accountability fund, but that does not include the rollover from last year, so that amount will go up once the rollover SAC funds are added in.

Mr. Acierno presented a request for SAC accountability funds for ACT tutoring. He requested a total of 29.25 hours of ACT tutoring as follows:

Funding Request for ACT Tutoring

ACT Test is 10/27/18

Grammar        10/23/18  - 3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Science            10/25/18  -  3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Reading           10/26/18  -   3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Total 6.75 hours

ACT Test is 12/8/18

Science            11/27/18  -  3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Grammar        11/29/18  - 3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

                          12/4/18    - 3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Reading           12/6/18  -   3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

                          12/7/18  -  3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Total 11.25 hours

ACT Test 2/9/19

Science            1/29/19  -  3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Grammar        1/31/19  - 3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

                          2/5/19    - 3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Reading           2/7/19  -   3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

                          2/8/19  -  3:05pm to 5:20pm  (2.25 hours)

Total 11.25 hours

Ms. Casserly moved that SAC approved $900 for this ACT tutoring. Dr. Culpepper seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken, and all SAC members present voted “yes” on this funding request. The motion passed.

Ms. Casserly presented a request for SAC accountability funds for SAT/PSAT math tutoring. She requested a total of 12 hours for this math tutoring to be on 3 Saturdays: 9/22, 9/29, and 10/6 for 4 hours each Saturday. Ms. Casserly moved that SAC approve $500 for this SAT tutoring. Ms. Henschel seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken, and all SAC members present voted “yes” on this funding request. The motion passed.

Nominations were taken from SAC for SAC chair. There was only one nomination – Ms. Casserly. SAC voted to have Ms. Casserly as SAC chair for the 18/19 school year.

SAC bylaws were revisited and amended.

Ms. Casserly spoke about the School Improvement Plan in general. Ms. O’Brien spoke about RTI goals, as well as teachers documenting interventions in BASIS for RTI.

There were many nominations for the SAC Employee of the Month:

Nominated by Ms. Grady:

I would like to nominate Dahiana Icardo, our ESOL teachers' aide, as SAC employee of the month. She joined us last year from Uruguay where she worked as a dentist. She absolutely loves working with the students and inspires them to succeed. You will often see her translating in the counseling office and classrooms. She assists with preparing the students for testing and helps them to understand what their graduation requirements are. They look up to her as a role model and mentor.

Nominated by Dr. Culpepper:

I would like to nominate Barbara McNeile for the Staffer of the Month. She is one of the kindest teachers (always a smile on her face as she works "behind the scenes" with little recognition) who welcomes all students into her very large classes... never says no. She also is a strong supporter of all the HOSA activities throughout the years as well as working as an RN every weekend and summer to keep her skills current and help with emergencies at SPHS during the school day. When the magnet needed a teacher to help with the First Aid and CPR certifications she was the first to sign on as well as teach them health with projects incorporating materials the students recycled. The fake pizza was amazing. We will definitely miss her when she soon retires as "lifer teacher" for SPHS.

Nominated by Mr. Holt:

I would like to nominate John Martin.   He does some amazing projects with his students who seem very interested in the high level work that they do.

Nominated by Ms. Mcneile:

Can we nominate a substitute who has done a fantastic job as an interim sub for a specialty class?  Mr. Eric Lopez has done a phenomenal job trying to keep the Health Science students moving forward in the absence of a permanent instructor. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty for a substitute.  (If not, I understand)

Miguel Rodriguez has been making sure his students and Col. Fields’ (since his absence) students are engaged and moving forward as they normally would  with two instructors.  Not an easy task.  He does have the assistance of Mr. Heckler as the substitute.

Nominated by Ms. Suarez:

I would like to nominate Jerri Kautzman for her unbelievable stamina and resilience while covering for Ms. Lefferts while she has been out.  She is constantly called by other departments for help and always manages to get things done.

Nominated by Dr. Pollino:

I would like to nominate Lisa McDearmaid for SAC employee of the month. Lisa gives 150% to her students each and every day. She implements lessons incorporating technology, and cooperative groups which keeps the students interested and engaged. Lisa is more than willing to share her ideas and lessons with our PLC. She is the kind of teacher we all should strive to be!

Nominated by Mr. Marino:

I would like to nominate Jessica Palomino for SAC employee of the month.

For the last three years, Jessica was part of the Social Studies department where she taught World History, American History, and Psychology. Last year, Jessica also assisted the DECA program by becoming an advisor and Marketing III/IV teacher.

This year, Jessica has transitioned to the ESE department, and has quickly become an asset helping with morning bus duties and working with the students that need the extra help.

Nominated by Ms. Cantlupe:

I would like to nominate Jody Berman for mentoring the 2 (new to the magnet program) teachers who are teaching Environmental Science.  She has shared her lesson plans & is there for anything they need.  Dr. Berman is also assisting the new Physics teacher & the 2 new teachers teaching a senior project class.  She is a team player and truly vested in the magnet program.

She works closely with our environmental business partners to set up field trips to state and national parks to conduct service projects there. Jody also oversees the school wide recycling program.  She has encouraged all of us to use a refillable water bottle & real dishes and silverware that can be washed and reused.  She's a great role model!

Nominated by Ms. Cooper:

I would like to nominate Debbie Vogt. She is such a wealth of knowledge and encouragement and South is a better place because of her.

SAC voted to name Ms. McNeile and Ms. Kautzman as the August and the September SAC Employees of the Month. The other nominations will roll over to the next SAC meeting.

In new business, Ms. Henschel spoke about the single point of entry that would be installed by the 2nd week of October. She also spoke about the PSAT testing coming up on October 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.