SAC Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

SAC Members Present:

Tracie Casserly

Niti Chabra

Alyce Culpepper

Christine Henschel

Nereida Miller

Gina Paragone

Madeline Rosario Colon

Neslon Rose

Marsha Samuels

Alicia Vilarchao

SAC Guests Present:

Kristen Hjelsand

Chyanne Michel

Cindy O’Brien

Vince Vilarchao

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

We currently have $18,570 in our SAC Accountability Fund. This includes the rollover in our SAC Accountability Fund from last school year.

Ms. Hjelsand requested SAC Accountability funds for purchasing grammar books, specifically the Warriner’s Third Edition Grammar and Composition books, for use in ELA classrooms. The ELA teacher would share class sets of these grammar books. They are currently selling on Amazon for $6.22 per book. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve $700 for the purchase of class sets of these grammar books. Dr. Culpepper seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted yes. The motion passed.

Ms. Hjelsand also requested SAC Accountability funds for SAT grammar and SAT reading tutoring. The tutoring would be on October 24, 25, 26 for ESOL SAT tutoring in Spanish/English and on October 29, 31 and November 2 for the non-ESOL SAT tutoring from 3:05 – 5:05 pm. Ms. Hjelsand requested $360 for this first round of SAT grammar/reading tutoring. SAC discussed approving double that amount for future SAT grammar/reading tutoring this school year. Mr. Nelson moved that we approve $720 for SAT grammar/reading tuoring. Dr. Culpepper seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken. All SAC members present voted yes. The motion passed.

Ms. Casserly, Ms. Henschel, and Ms. O’brien spoke about the School Improvement Plan. The SEL (Social Emotional Leearning) piece of our SIP plan was discussed today.

Ms. Henschel stated that she would like to pursue a new waiver for PSD (Professional Study Day) days. SAC discussed pursuing this new waiver and agreed to move forward with the new waiver process.

Nominations for SAC Employee of the Month – rolled over from last meeting

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 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:

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 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 Dr. Berman as the October SAC Employee of the Month. Ms. Henschel requested that we recognize our SAC Employees of the Month with a banner.

In new business, Ms. Henschel shared that our faculty will be voting this school year to retain our current A/B block schedule or to pursue a new schedule. She also shared that our single point of entry should be finished in the new few weeks. Ms. Henschel stated that we just wrapped up round 3 of the Safe Haven safety assessments. She also stated that our new stadium lights will be installed soon and that our new weight room is completed. $100,000 in discretionary funding from the bond fund will be discussed and voted on in upcoming SAC meetings. Twilight, an afterschool credit recovery program, will be starting next week. Students can recover English credits with this Twilight program. Central Area Advisory meeting will be on Thursday, October 11 at Ft. Lauderdale HS.

The SAC meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.