Minutes for September 14, 2016 SAC Meeting

Welcome/Introduction

Mrs. Beitz welcomed back the SAC members from last school year and the new members for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Beitz asked that the minutes from last May, 2016 be reviewed. A motion as made by Mrs. Winter to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Mrs. Dillmeier. It was put to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Beits asked that the SAC by-laws be read. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Sayre, it was seconded by Mrs. Siegel. The vote to pass was unanimous.

Mr. Micensky asked for approval to use Accountability funds in the amount of $8,000.00 to fund an ESOL clerk. ESOL clerk’s essential performance responsibilities are:

* Assist in the development and implementation of the TTMS ESOL program
* Assist with coordinating the identification, assessment and placement of students for the ESOL program.
* Assist with the planning, development and arrangements for operating procedures pertaining to ESOL monitoring and assessment.
* Assist in the monitoring of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students and paperwork.
* Assist with coordinating the ordering of materials needed to implement the ESOL program assessments.
* Assist in the parent contact and conferencing of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.
* Assist with compiling and preparing all reports necessary for federal, state and local agencies.
* Assist in coordinating the internal and external assessments to maintain an effective feed-back monitoring system with students, parents, teachers, guidance and administration.
* Participate successfully in the training programs offered to increase the individual’s skill and proficiency related to the assignments.
* Follow Federal and State laws, as well as School Board policies.
* Perform other duties as assigned by the Principal.

A motion was made by Mrs. Winter to approve the expenditure and it was seconded by Ms. J. Franco. The motion was put to a vote and it passed unanimously.

***SIP-Mrs. Nissen***- The scores are in and our students scored at or above the District average in ELA and Math. Kim Beitz and Carol Nissen are attending a training on Friday 9/16 to continue working on the SIP. Tequesta has been chosen for the Accreditation review on October 24-26, 2016. More information will be forthcoming via email on the progress of the SIP and Accreditation.

***Department Head Minutes:***

***Social Studies/Civics***- Mr. Devant- Social Studies classes have taught the Student Code of Conduct, and showed the district mandated Bullying and Dating Violence videos to all students. Social Studies classes in all grades are beginning to share the History Fair project information with all students and it is due in specific parts from September all the way to December.  The website is NHD.org and parents should take a look at the website so they know how to assist their children. 6th grade: finishing up the Stone Age and moving into the 1st Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Sumerians, etc. 7th grade: Influences on Colonial Government, the 13 Original Colonies leading to Disagreements with Great Britain and the Declaration of Independence. 8th grade: is working on European Explorers and the New World and Native Americans.

***Media- Mrs. Dillmeier-*** Changes are beginning to show. Media aides are creating and redesigning areas of the media center to include user information for all patrons. Work will begin to remove the books that are already weeded from Destiny but left on the shelf for students. These books have shown no circulation use over the past

Caron Libby and I are challenging the students to enter the FRA Florida Reading Association “Reading Takes You Places”. First Place winner will be mailed to the FRA contest. On site prizes will include:

$25.00 teacher with the 1st place winner

$20.00 for 1st place winner

$15.00 for 2nd Place winner

$10.00 for 3rd place winner

Donut treat for class with the 1st place winner

All entries due Sept 27.

Summer Reading Forms are due the Friday. We will create a “Wall of Readers” display.

Fall Book fair Oct 16-21

Media Morning: The media center is open most mornings for students. STEAM stations are developing using the games purchased last year by pour amazing PTA. **Research Class**: created 6 short lessons about How to Use Our Media Center. Along with learning the research process we are working on “How to” give the best presentation using different technology and programs. These students then gave tours and instructions to the 7th and 8th grade reading classes and the media aides. We, the media aides and the research class, will be using these stations for LA class. We practiced the FINDS research process by stranding students on different types of islands and had the question and problem solve using the resource available to them. **Broadcasting:** It was an honor for the broadcasting students to produce a 9/11 tribute for our students and families. They are working on a 5-day rotation, performing in different positions each day. They seem to be adjusting to the new schedule. With input and help the students developed a rotation chart, daily rotation schedules for each team. This allows students the maximum amount of air time.**JHS:** Mr. Scot Piglia has joined as a co-sponsor along with Ms. Carolyn Sant Angelo and Ms. Kathy Dillmeier. JHS students joined us during Teacher planning week on many fronts in classrooms, moving cartons of books, ambassadors for the 6th and 7th grade open houses. They delivered “school spirit” treats the first week of school- erasers for each student and apples for the teachers and staff. Our new executive board ran their first full meeting Monday. They did a great job. JHS started PAL tutoring last week, and began working on environmental committee, publicity, school spirit, Making Strides for Breast Cancer funding and Folleyball. Very busy group. Folleyball is moving from the spring to Oct 26 this year to provide a school spirit activity for the 1st quarter. This is a fund raiser for our Relay for Life drive.

***ESOL- Ms. Franco-*** Good Morning, Buenos Dias, Guten Morgen! We are thrilled to have Mrs. Giraldo join us in the ESOL department. She will be offering support to the ESOL students in their general education classes. As well as doing class pullouts to assist students. The Students are all settling into their new school environment well. They are very busy learning about life in the United States and how the school system operates here. The students are beginning a unit of study about The Family. We are studying this through poetry and art. The students are learning to use compare and contrast graphic organizers to be able to understand the details. Yesterday I was at an ESOL training where I learned about a new program called Nearpod, which is like an interactive PPT and Kahoot combined. The ESOL department has purchased a license for each teacher who attended the training. I also learned about Keystone and some new software that the district is piloting.

***Math- Mrs. Cordoves-*** The Math Department has had a very successful start of the year. Every student received their consumable Math workbook during the second and third day of school. A huge thank you to Mrs. Dillmeier, and the PTA parent volunteers for making that possible. Mrs. Dillmeier for ensuring that we had enough workbooks this year, right from the beginning and our parents volunteers, who helped us get them checked out. Because of your hard work our Math department and our students are right on pace with the suggested district pacing for each lesson. At this point all students have also taken a diagnostic/pre-test on USA Test Prep. Teachers are using those results to plan future lesson, focusing on those standards where students showed the greatest weaknesses. We are assigning practice and remediation activities to address these weaknesses before the students take their 1st post-test. Our teachers are also learning and implementing new teaching strategies like Math stations and centers. This quarter our 6th grade lessons will focus on Identifying, classifying and performing operations with Rational numbers. 7th graders are working with Integers, writing and solving algebraic expressions and simple equations and our 8th graders are completing their unit on simplifying expressions with rational exponents and scientific notation. Math Club news: Our Math club and Math team is under new direction. Our teachers Ms. Sandler and Ms. Steimle will be heading the Tequesta Trace Math team. They will be holding their first informational meeting this Thursday at 8:15 in room 604. All students interested in joining should attend. In other Math news: 6th grade teachers want to invite all parents to attend our Parent Technology Night on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in our cafeteria. We will be discussing how to access Pinnacle, our online textbook on my.hrw, USA test prep and Khan Academy among other online resources that are available to our students and parents. We hope to see you there!

***ESE- Mrs. Winter-*** Welcome back to a new school year! The ESE department is pleased to welcome Leanne Krausmann as our new 7th grade support facilitator. There are now 3 support facilitators working with the students in the mainstream. Mrs. Winter will continue working with 6th grade and Mr. Cunningham with 8th grade. All of the teachers have received necessary information on accommodations for students in their classrooms. We also conducted a training during pre-planning to review accommodations and other important information for helping our mainstreamed students be most successful. Peer counselors are currently involved in many classes to offer additional assistance and hands-on support.  Please remember to utilize the free tutoring available here at Tequesta in our Media center on Wednesday mornings. Some of our students have reported using the services and found them very helpful.  The SVE classes, led by our wonderful Ms. Curtis and Ms. Masters, are in the process of planning a field trip to see Cinderella with the drama classes.

***Science- Mrs. Swinerton-*** We are now four weeks into the first quarter. Our science teachers have administered grade level diagnostic tests to all students at all three grade levels. The purpose of these diagnostic tests it to gauge our students’ level of mastery for the benchmarks taught at each grade level. Teachers have analyzed the results of the diagnostic tests and have developed SMART Goals specific to each grade level. These SMART Goals will drive our instructional focus throughout the year. All teachers at all grade levels will be working towards making personal connections with each of our students while employing effective and rigorous instructional activities to guarantee they become experts in their fields of study. We have added three new teachers to our department. Melissa Ussa in sixth grade, Vanessa Wilson teaching sixth and seventh grade, and Sharlene Melendez in seventh grade. We are excited to add their talents and experiences to out department. Our Eco-Partners initiative is back up and running. Highlights from our first year include the National Wildlife Federation Eco School Award, and second place in the Broward P3 Challenge. Increasing the awareness of what we can all do to achieve sustainability is on-going. Our school-wide recycling efforts have been resumed, and teachers are being encouraged to turn off the lights and get outside on early release days. Future activities are being planned including no waste lunches. Parents are welcome to add their talents to this effort. Volunteers are always welcome. Our Cambridge Program continues to flourish with students enrolled at every grade. Curriculum extends beyond the science classroom with lessons and projects that are interdisciplinary and global in focus. Our CATTs club organized a fundraising project that earned money that will be put towards charitable and community outreach efforts as well as provided additional curriculum materials and supplies to support learning within the Cambridge Program. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising effort. Carolyn SantAngelo was recognized for her talents by being chosen by the National Wildlife Federation as only one of eight teachers from across the United States to travel to Taiwan to collaborate with environmental educators and EPA Taiwan. During her trip Mrs. SantAngelo was able to visit Tequesta’s sister school. During the 2015-2016 school year her classes connected with their sister school in Taiwan by sharing digital projects and activities and engaging in the e-pal program. We are looking forward to an engaging and productive learning experience.

***Electives- Mrs. Sikorski-*** Band- New students are working on counting rhythms.   6th grade students completed instrument fittings on Sept.  7th and are excitingly getting instrument assignments. Advanced band and Symphonic band students have been reviewing music fundamentals and working on uniformity of sound with the new ensemble mix.     Jazz Band met for the first rehearsal on September 6th and started working on "swinging"  ensemble "groove",  as well as individual and group  soloing.  The jazz band's first rehearsal was extremely promising, with an impressive groove by the rhythm section, multiple developing soloist,   and good solid big band instrumentation. Choir- Choir has been doing a lot of singing and has  started work on proper vowel and diphthong formation as well as basics of diction.    They have also been learning sight singing and counting.   In the upcoming weeks they will start working on music and choreography for the Winter Festival of music and the Fall Concert. In P.E. - We are working on trying to get outside.....Students have been very good at starting our indoor activities. In Art –1.  Students will be participating in Pinwheels for Peace.2.  Students have just completed their School Lunch posters.  I will send them out for county judging next   week. In Peer Counseling – We completed our Cougar Care Packages where each student filled a large Ziploc bag with water, protein bars, snacks, and personal care items and gave them to homeless men, women, and children. We are packed with jobs and are already out in the classes assisting students one on one. Choose Peace/Stop Violence is an initiative led by Broward County Public Schools, United Way and Children Services Council to build community-wide efforts to educate, engage, inspire, and empower youth to take action and bring about positive change for the purpose of preventing youth crime and violence, and creating safe, healthy and thriving environments for children and families. We will be sponsoring a poster contest entitled “Peace through Kindness,” making Pinwheels for Peace, and enjoying a mix it up day in the cafeteria encouraging students to make new friends. In Debate – We have just began to master getting up and speaking in front of the class without passing out or throwing up!!

***Business Partners-***Family night will take place tonight starting at 5:00 pm at Tijuana Flats.

***SAF- Mrs. Valent-*** No meeting has taken place yet.

***PTA- Mrs. Maria Orjuela-*** Mrs. Orjuela announced that this year we have two PTA Presidents: Julie Valent and Maria Orjuela., VP Volunteers: Mindy Siegel, VP Ways and Means: Aimee Fretwell, VP Membership: Allison Washington and co-chair Court Highsmith. PTA had a great Volunteer breakfast with 91 attendees. We are getting ready for the 6th Grade Dance that will be in October 14th from 7-9 pm in the cafeteria. We are also starting to look for sponsors for Cougar Challenge (February). PTA looks forward to a fantastic school year

***BTU- Mrs. Passman-*** Mrs. Passman announced the teachers that were elected to the Faculty Council for the 2016-2017 school year.  They are:  Mrs. Beitz, Mrs. Forman, Mr. Hankerson, Mr. Osorio,  Mr. Passman,  Mrs. Passman and Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Passman stated that the teacher’s contract for the 2015-2016 year was ratified and approved by the school board.  Teachers will received at least a 2.54% increase in salary retroactive to July 1, 2015.   The new BTU leadership is hoping to work with the district to reach agreement on this year’s contract.

Mr. Micensky welcome everyone and spoke regarding SMART FUNDS. Our school is slated to receive new technology this school year from the SMART FUND. All the teachers will receive new laptops. Mrs. Tunon will have new stations in her classroom. Also, students will receive new laptops. There will be wiring updates. In addition, our school was selected to be represented in the NAEP (the nation’s school report card) for Reading and Math.