

SAC Agenda for Friday, April 27

- Call to Order: 8:10 am
- Approval of March 2018 Minutes
Motion to approve: Mr. Allison
Second: Mr. Wolfe
All approve
- SAC Funding Requests: current budget \$4,351.04 (students) and \$4,611 (classroom) -- Math Department-Mrs. Poulter
-Mrs. Poulter is requesting funding for the i-ready math program. This program provides additional support to our struggling math students, i.e. the lowest 25%.
-The estimated total cost is \$3,714.50. It's \$6.00 per child. There are approximately 600 students in regular classes.
Motion to approve: Mr. Allison
Second: Mrs. Tephford-Rush
All approve
- SAC Officer Nomination Process and Committee -- Mr. La Rosa
-The committee will nominate a SAC Chair, a secretary, and officers positions.
-Three SAC members must form a committee, which must include the SAC Chair. The three members in the committee will be Tephford Rush, Jeff Wolfe, and Mr. La Rosa.
- Positive Behavior Plan Review -- Mrs. Collie
-The positive behavior plan is used to improve behavior and have consequences in place for behavior problems.
-The top 10 common behavior incidents at our school are related to disruptive behavior, profanity, disobedience, bus violations, and minor altercations.
-Through elective classes, teachers will incorporate lessons to encourage positive behavior through 5 characteristics: be kind, be responsible, be compliant, be respectful, and be tolerant.
-The procedures deal with rewarding behaviors and implementing consequences for misbehavior.
-For students with multiple infractions, our response to intervention plan begins with tier 1 and move students to tier 2 and 3, if necessary.
-Black, Hispanic, and White are the subgroups; there's a disproportion between the white and black. We will use BASIS to analyze the discipline data. We have 20 incidents, occurring in the afternoon.
-We plan to decrease incidents by 50%.
-We will have a ticket/token system to encourage positive behavior; we will monitor and evaluate the program mid-year and make adjustments.
-Parent concern: Are you tracking if the incidents have to do with threats? Discipline and safety is a main concern now.
-Mrs. Collie: Each one of the infractions have their own definitions. The chart shows frequency. These are first infractions for a total of 26 incidents.
-Parent concern: Why are we tracking the subgroups?
-Mrs. Collie: It is important to know how the subgroups are doing. It tracks if the problems are inconsistent. It ensures that students are treated fairly.
-Parent concern: Rewarding the choices is great. What are we doing as far as discipline plans? Can we have clean-up type consequences?
-Mrs. Collie: We cannot enforce punishment for poor behavior. The token system would reward positive student behaviors. We have our character awards; students get certificates.
-Parent concern: Could the tokens not be given in public? Some students do not like being publicly recognized.

-Mrs. Collie: We could discuss it with the committee. If they are not recognized publicly, it might not encourage the positive behavior.

-Parent comment: Students might respond to extrinsic rewards at first, and then hopefully it promotes intrinsic behavior.

-Mrs. Collie: Students have been happy to receive the character awards. Mrs. Collie will share all concerns with the committee.

-Parent comment: It needs to be enforced well.

- School Update -- Mr. Bianchi

-Cultural and Fine Arts Night – thank you to Nikki, Chanda, and Mrs. Alvarez for organizing that. It was a big hit.

-Sue Rioux will be honored for fighting for effective policies to prevent gun violence at the 2018 Foremother and Health Policy Hero Awards in Washington DC; she will be honored for showing students how to find safety in violent situations, helping children and staff cope with their fears in the aftermath of the MSD tragedy, and supporting efforts to reduce gun violence.

-Mrs. Golding has set up for the artist, Wyland, to come out on May 3rd to paint a mural on the exterior wall of Westglades in honor of the victims of MSD on the courtyard by the bus loop. Mrs. Golding's students will assist/work with him. We are also planning a memorial garden that will go in the courtyard. Wyland will paint a memorial in memory of the Douglas victims in the courtyard.

-Drama production was amazing, top-notch! There's another show tonight.

-Testing is almost complete. For 6th and 8th graders, they are almost done. There are still EOC's, and 7th graders are testing in the upcoming week. Mrs. Wilson has planned all of the testing; she has done an outstanding job.

-Parent concern: Is there a budget to have a testing coordinator?

-Mr. Bianchi: That is the plan. The budget is the next item on the list. I will submit the budget for approval soon. We will be adding a 3rd campus monitor for next year, Mrs. Dunn; we will be adding a math, English, and Spanish position. Also, we will be adding another clerical position; a leadership liaison; funding for additional clubs; continue to support teaming for 6th grade; and 3 additional carts will be added.

-Next week, NJHS will have the Induction Ceremony on Friday, 5/4 at 6:30 pm.

-Next week, SGA will have the 5-K Run on Sunday, May 6 @ 7:30 am. There has been a lot of teacher support; there are many teams; you may still join a team.

-The 8th grade dance is on May 11.

-Parent concern: Are the EOC's going to still take place.

-Mr. Bianchi: The state said that testing will proceed as normal. We reached out, but we were denied. Science is on May 1st.

-The volunteers breakfast will be on May 18th, on the same day as our next SAC meeting.

- New Business

-Chanda James would like to introduce Pam Miller as the new PTA President.

-Our PTA is considering becoming a PTO.

- Next Meeting May 18, 2018

- Adjourn: 8:50 am