

SAC Agenda for Friday Sept. 29, 2017

- **Call to order: 8:10 AM**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

-Mr. Jon LaRosa introduced himself, the SAC chair; everyone introduced themselves

- **Approval of May 2017 Minutes**

Motion to approve: Mr. Allison

Second: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

All approve

- **SAC Meeting Dates for 2017-18 year**

Motion to approve: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

Second: Mr. Allison

All approve

-Referred to the SAC dates/Corrected October 13

- **SAC Bylaws Review and Approval**

-Bylaws have to reflect the demographics of the school; you must include/reflect the ethnicity in the computer program; we must meet criteria on all of the demographic groups.

-Voting membership is so important and so is quorum; reply to me if you will be absent, so that we will meet quorum always.

- **SAC Committee members – SAC composition and Vote**

Motion to approve: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

Second: Mr. Allison

All approve

-Chanda sent the email to request membership through PTA.

-Representatives for membership positions (composition)

*Izone Rep: Tephford-Rush

*Business Rep: Mr. Golding and Mr. Pormigiano (Mathnasium)

*ESOL Rep: not filled

*ESE Rep: not filled

*Gifted Rep: Tammy Rittman (co-Elisha Johnson)

*Non-Instructional: Mrs. Fondren

-Suggestion from Tephford-Rush: Send an email blast from Ray Haneski.

- **School update--Mr. Bianchi**

-WMS had a smooth opening of the school year.

-Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Buck and Employee of the Year: Brenda Martorana

-Open house was great; Mr. Bianchi received very positive feedback.

-This week peer counselors and electives participated in the "Chalk for Peace" activity.

-Christine Hunschofsky, the mayor, would like the list of students who earn 1st place recognition to be shared with her (for Mr. Bianchi or Mrs. Arriola to tweet the results).

-Golf and cross-country still has approval, but will be delayed because of the hurricane.

-Cross country: both boys and girls won 1st place.

Q: Mrs. Ostrow: Will there be a new tennis club?

A: Mr. Bianchi: The district is waiting for approval.

-Soccer: both girls and boys won their 1st games; 6th graders are helping out a lot in those teams.

-The new traffic pattern has been enforced. Deputy Easton, who is in for Deputy India, has helped with the new traffic pattern; it is working well.

-Class size 20 per class size; we are at about 90% on the way to get there; a reading and ELA teacher was hired; an elective teacher will be hired to relieve the electives.

Q: Mrs. Gaines: Can she have clarification to the elective Intro to Engineering; is engineering taught in 6th grade? Or is it a technology class?

Q: Mrs. Johnson: The information on the course cards is confusing. She feels there needs to be better communication and explanations. It was presented different in the course card.

A: Mr. Bianchi: There is a finance teacher and an engineering teacher; students get components from finance and engineering merged; students would receive Intro to Technology; for next year, there will be better clarification and description from Terms (from the district); there will be a key next year. It's a 3 year track/Mouse certification: Word, Powerpoint, Outlook, and pre-Engineering, Cape certification; they will get certification as long as the students pass the test.

Q: Mrs. Rittman: Why does the class use Outlook instead of Excel?

A: Mrs. Niebla: It addresses course standards better, but may be under review.

Q: Mrs. Shwartberg: They will get certification? Hurricane days – are we adding days?

A: Mr. Bianchi: There are options that we will vote on Tuesday. Some of the early release days will become full days.

-Our numbers: 1780+ are growing; all rooms are being used.

-Hurricane details: there were people evacuated to our school; there was minimal damage, except for portable 16; the custodians got the school back into shape on Monday; those sheltered left by 2:00 pm, and administrators and custodians did an amazing job at getting the school back together.

Q: Mrs. Tephford-Rush: Adding more portables?

A: Mr. Bianchi is working on that.

-Monday is picture day; Barnes and Nobles is on Wednesday, October 4; Spirit Week on the 9th; the Talent show is on the November 3rd.

-Testing Update: Next year, the writing will be paper-based; 7th grade will be on computers.

- **New Business**

Q: Mrs. Gaines: Bus Transportation: her son's bus is 20 minutes late everyday; the center says they will work on it; she spoke to Mr. Woods.

Q: Mrs. Ostrow: Other buses have issues; there are concerns with the buses at Watercrest pick up

A: Mr. Bianchi will find out the route and see what he can do.

- **Adjourn: 8:55 AM**