

SAC Meeting

November 8, 2017

3:45 PM

BES Media Center

Members Present: Colleen Lord, Vickie DeGroat, Lorri Dior, Amanda Cross, Danielle McCabe, Tracey Segal, Cliff Melvin, Julie Baker, Susan DeITufo, Regina Davis, Reetu Haave

Members Excused: Rhonda James, Ben Folger, Margaret Ingram

Staff Present: Colleen Lord, Danielle McCabe, Julie Baker, Regina Davis, Susan DeITufo

Call to Order: Tracey Segal at 3:51 PM

Oct 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes: motion to accept by Tracey Segal, approved by Amanda Kross and 2nd by Lorri Dior. All in favor.

Dr. Lord presented an Agenda:

- Call to Order, Vicki DeGroat
- Review Minutes, Reetu Haave
- SAC Budget, Principal Lord
- New Building Dedication, Principal Lord
- Adjournment, Vicki DeGroat

Topic: SAC Budget, Dr. Lord

- Adrienne Polverari was asked by Dr. Lord to introduce the media center's Makers Space initiative. Dr. Lord and Mrs. Polverari submitted an Ed Foundation grant request for \$4,000.00 towards this initiative.
 - This grant is to cover iPads, Keva Planks and circuitry materials.
 - Mrs. Polverari described Makers Space to the group as a designated space for children to make and create using hands on and collaborative skills.
 - Adds reading component to STEM STEAM
 - Reuse/Recycle consumable goods
 - Problem solving, work ethic focus
 - The grant will cover 3 priorities for the space: iPads, Keva Planks and circuitry (a set of IO Blocks have been purchased)
 - Mrs. Polverari indicated that Makers Space can continue to grow for example, with the addition of robotics and using the students research planning and building skills to create storage space.
 - Danielle McCabe stated that as it grows maybe we can use it for a marking period and use library for another marking period.

- Mrs. Polverari indicated that initially it will be used for grades 2-5 and K/1 will be phased in over time. She also indicated that maybe we add an E day to the ABCD rotation for Makers Space.
- Some discussion of how SAC could help fund the project ensued
 - Mrs. Polverari indicated that \$1000 would be helpful to buy consumables.
 - Trace Segal indicated that if the grant doesn't come thru it would take about \$5000 to get Makers Space started.
- Dr. Lord talked about the Ed Foundation grant request for \$3500 that she did for a Coding within the classrooms initiative. This would tie literacy with coding and sequencing. Older students can code their own stories.
 - This grant will cover robotic pieces and ipads.
 - Ed Foundation has \$30,000 total and we didn't want to be unreasonable.
 - In the event that the grants are not funded or partially funded, SAC or PTA can fund them.
 - Vicki wanted to know if the state is giving SAC \$10/student; Tracey wanted to know if this is the month we get funded; Dr. Lord said we get A+ money this month and we don't know how much or when the state will be funding SAC.
- Dr. Lord asked everyone's thoughts on the Maker Space initiative with respect to SAC funding.
 - Tracey said she wants to know what ALL the programs that teachers are interested in requesting
 - Vicki suggested that we follow VBHS model to ask teachers to present to the SAC for funding twice a year.
 - Dr. Lord said one model is Jan and Spring presentations or a rolling model
 - Presentations consist of: Project idea, how it ties to SIP, how many students impacted
 - Cliff asked, what segment of students does Makers Space target? How does it tie the high and low performers?
 - Polverari's grant letter explains the tie as well as Regina explanation that high performers have been spoon fed and need support working thru problems and lower performers tend to have better independent skills.
 - Behavior issues tend to clear up when students can choose to make the right choice on their own.
 - Dr. Lord asked if we need to put it out to all the teachers. She stressed that she wants to use the money for the students this year as it has not been used for a couple years.
 - Mrs. Baker suggested that SAC fund the Makers Space with the money that we have since it has been sitting there.
 - Tracey suggested asking all teachers to present at a December meeting.
 - No meeting is scheduled and we will have to add it.

- Vicki suggested that SAC ask teachers to put together a presentation to for the money.
- Regina said she feels it is too much to ask teachers to prepare and present with the schedule full of evaluations and science fair and the next meeting in only 3 weeks.
- Danielle suggested that SAC let them know what's on the table and give them the option to present something else.
- Vicki did announce that the PTA has grade level money that no one used last year: K-3 has \$500 per grade level and 4-5 has \$100 per grade level.
- Dr. Lord suggested that we do a rolling model in January and we fund \$3000 of Makers Space now.
 - Mrs. Baker made a motion to vote to give Makers Space \$3000 now and in January look into other programs.
 - Cliff 2nd the motion
 - All in favor

Topic: Please join Beachland Dedication, Dr. Lord

- Shark Singers performances
- Students present what Beachland means to them
- Dr. Rendell and school board members in attendance
- Mayor Laura Moss in attendance
- Beachland flag raising
- Dedication to past, present and future students and community

Motion to Adjourn: Vicki DeGroat at 4:45PM – approved by Mrs. BAker, 2nd Danielle McCabe.
All in favor.