

SAC Meeting

January 10, 2018
3:45 PM
BES Media Center

Members Present: Lorri Dior, Amanda Cross, Tracey Segal, Cliff Melvin, Julie Baker, Reetu Haave, Margaret Ingram, Benjamin Folger

Members Excused: Rhonda James, Vicki DeGroat,

Staff Present: Colleen Lord, Danielle McCabe, Julie Baker, Regina Davis, Susan DelTufo, Susan DelTufo, Gilda Brown

Call to Order: Tracey Segal at 3:53 PM

Nov 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes: motion to accept by Cliff Melvin, approved by Amanda Kross and 2nd by Julie Baker. All in favor.

Dr. Lord presented an Agenda:

- Call to Order, Tracey Segal
- Review Minutes, Reetu Haave
- SAC Chair Update, Vicki DeGroat
- Principal Update, Principal Lord
- Request for Funds, Principal Lord
- Other Business, All
- Adjournment

Topic: SAC Chair Update, Tracey Segal

- Color Run is underway: Fliers went out

Topic: Principal Update, Dr. Lord

- Maker Space
 - Materials are ordered and there is a lot of student interest with the question mark on the ground. Cutting edge as no one in IRC has this program
 - Macy's grant: beans bags for the space
- Ed Foundation - \$4600 for coding will be used to for 2 types of devices and 5 ipads
 - Sphero and OZO: balls paired with devices and coding to move the devices; in 5th grade devices will work off their laptops

- There is an administrative learning curve as Beachland is the first and we need district approval to put the apps on our devices.
- Margaret Ingram stated that in her experience OZO Box is wonderful.
- This is the last year for the FSA on the computer. It will be paper and pencil next year
 - Baker and Dr. Lord said that its way better bc students can go back and forth. Testing software not user friendly.

Topic: Request for Funds, Dr. Lord

- Dr. Lord expressed that a teacher request for writing support has come.
 - Currently students are using the Wonders program and it is not cutting it.
 - It is a district wide systemic problem.
 - Reading and Writing go hand in hand
- The Lucy Caulkins Program out of Columbia University is the favorite.
 - There is both a reading track and a writing track.
 - It is a full curriculum not a resource.
 - The continuum builds on each grade
 - Lots for a teacher to learn and not adequate to pull off the internet.
 - Plus, it takes a solid 45 min to an hour of student time each day to pull it off.
 - Questions:
 - Do we need district approval to use this program? It is used in Dodgertown and Sebastian
 - Can you do writing without the reading program? They are priced separately.
 - What's the learning curve for teachers? Mrs. McCabe said it will take time but well worth it.
 - How would you implement? Youngest kids 1st? Mrs. McCabe said schoolwide would be best.
 - Does it address the deficits? Yes, it is comprehensive
 - Can it be used alongside of wonders with Foundations separate? Bishop implements this.
 - Pelican Elem Reading coach maybe able to help us some.
 - The Literacy team hasn't met yet and they may have some thoughts.
 - SAC has \$10K a respresnatative from Teacher's College would be too expensive
 - Dr. Lord suggested that teachers watch a tape of the program and use early release days (Kagan is started also); progressively start now and continue thru August.
 - We would need 2 kits for 3rd grade, 2 kits for 4th grade and 1 kits for 5th grade. The four types of writing are covered: informational, opinion, literary and narratives.
 - Dr. Lord suggested that we use \$6K of our \$10K budget towards this program. She is concerned that our 4th and 5th graders will walk out of Beachland without the benefit.

- Reetu made a motion to support the Literary Team decision up to \$6,000.00 and open to anyone who wants to participate in the discussion. Tracey 2nd the motion; All in favor; no opposed.
 - Literary Team meeting in 2 weeks.

Motion to Adjourn: Ben Folger at 5:05PM – approved by Dr. Lord, 2nd Reetu. All in favor.