

SAC Meeting

May 10, 2016

Janine Jones called the meeting to order at 3:47.

Attendance: Scott Simpson, Janice McCord, Janine Jones, Marie Gruber, Curtis Carpenter, Mike Greto, Heather Moxley, Michele Murphy, Kim Nance, Jennifer Tripp, Dawn Dalton, Brian Holmes, Le Kooc-Cornelison, Agmieszka Szymanska, Junie Lopez, and John Young

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Curtis Carpenter to approve the April minutes and seconded by Brian Holmes.

Treasurer's Report: The only budgetary change since last meeting was the Text Talk Invoice in the amount of \$1,100. In August, SAC will be asked to fund the Vertical Planning for Teachers. The amount will be roughly \$2,000 – and will be voted on by SAC at the August 23rd meeting, which is the last meeting for this SAC Board. Mr. Simpson added how valuable the vertical planning is throughout the school year, so he is looking to have limited planning over the summer and continued planning during the school year.

Awesome Parent Program: This program was approved by last year's SAC committee and worked on this year by three current members (Junie Lopez, Brian Holmes and Dawn Dalton). A summary of the program was distributed to SAC with a copy of the actual emails to be distributed. The program will be announced in the next newsletter which will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gruber will discuss the Simply Circle Email schedule and how best to begin the implementation. Ms. Gruber suggested advertising the program as a SAC Program so parents understand more about the efforts of the SAC committee.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Simpson stated Osceola is an A school and will thus be receiving additional funds.
- Golf Tournament coming up Saturday May 14th. Golf Shoot Out (Friday May 13th at 2pm) will also raise funds for PTA in conjunction with the tournament. Mr. Simpson, Ms. Rhue and Mr. Dugan will hit golf balls purchased by students and prizes will include Disney Passes, Wemmer Orthodontics and Super Play if their purchased ball wins. Mr. Simpson expects to raise a few hundred dollars. Will be selling balls through Thursday night.
- Thursday night is the final PTA Meeting and Fine Arts night. Mr. Simpson was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the Osceola Fine Arts program and how nicely it complements our math and science curriculum.
- Carrabba's Night will be added as a fundraiser next year in addition to the McDonald's Night.
- Parent Surveys are complete and Mr. Simpson looks forward to reading the results.
- More School Board candidates will be coming to Osceola for a tour and a meeting with Mr. Simpson.
- Singapore Math Program: Curriculum budget has been raised and the Singapore Math curriculum will be covered. The textbooks are a bit more expensive. \$26,000 has been already raised for Singapore Math textbooks. Goal will be for SAC requests to fund additional curriculum budget requests. Trainers coming May 18th and again in August for Singapore Math training. Singapore Math will be Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Osceola will still teach the

Florida Standards, but will supplement with Singapore Math to achieve and exceed standards. A Parent Night will be established to introduce the program to parents.

PTA Report-

- Fine Arts Night is the last mandatory PTA Meeting. Members will vote new board, the summer budget and bylaws.
- Simply Circle will no longer be free, so PTA decided to purchase a two-year subscription for \$150. Fee includes support.
- Spirit Sticks will be sold for Fine Arts Festival
- PTA has worked with Mrs. Jones to create "A Very Special Day" on campus – May 18th
- Last skate night is May 19
- Last casual for a cause – will benefit Castle, and the theme will be a Superhero Day
- Last McTeacher's Night May 26
- BBQ, Fly Up Day, Tropical Day coming up

Technology:

- At the last meeting a request was made for adding an additional special for Technology. Mr. Simpson has not received a positive answer for this request from the District. There is a new District Budget difficulty – health insurance costs are rising so the District is looking for other areas where they can cut costs so teachers are not burdened with additional costs of insurance premiums.
- A question was raised to Mr. Simpson seeking advice on how to better pursue this technology request. It was discussed that all four non-Title I schools should come together to make the request. Liberty Magnet is not a Title 1 school yet they have a fifth special (Spanish). Beachland, Rosewood and Osceola need to come together to make a unified request. Liberty has Spanish through their IB program. IB does not provide additional funding, so the funds for the Spanish teacher are coming from the District. Mrs. Jones recommends addressing the value of the position, as it will outweigh the cost. Discussion ensued regarding necessary steps for approaching the School District to effectively put a position in place to teach technology to Osceola students.
- Mr. Greto mentioned that next year all 5th grade classes will get laptop carts – every 5th Grade student will get a laptop. Wi-Fi is projected to be 4x faster than before. The Millage rates are expiring, so maybe if the four schools that are not Title I can get their SAC committees together to address the new millage rates and where the allocations are placed, perhaps this will help the Technology Position initiative. Inter SAC discussions should be implemented. Mr. Simpson said he will speak to the other principals to see what their needs are. Additional Math Coach has also been mentioned as a known need.
- The Business Meetings at the School Board are the only meetings where public input is invited. A suggestion was made to do homework and make sure the request is made effectively and in a polite and positive manner. Mrs. Gruber asked if we can use the school to meet as a

subcommittee to discuss this item. The subcommittee should be formed right away and work should be done over the summer to make sure the proposal for technology teacher is presented appropriately. Need to approach the three other non-Title I schools to see if they support this mission.

- The state came down with technology standards. K-5 standards were very vague. Mr. Simpson took the lead in implementing K-5 technology standards for the District. This could add to the pitch for the requested technology position --- Osceola should be a model school for Math / Science and Technology. Need to bring this concept to the School Board.
- The following people offered to join the subcommittee to bring the Technology Position Request to the School Board: Curtis Carpenter, John Young, Mike Greto, Junie Lopez, Kim Nantz and Mrs. Gruber. Mrs. Gruber will provide contact info for other PTA Boards at the other school to get them on board. Mr. Simpson will talk with the other Principals.

Other Business: A parent requested that Mr. Simpson use Twitter to announce changes in pickup procedures on rainy days. He agreed to do so as appropriate. Some dismissal changes are done at the very last minute based upon weather.

August 23rd will be the next SAC Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34.