

# **Pelican Island Elementary School**

## **SAC Meeting Notes**

August 28, 2017

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:50 pm.

### **Members Present**

See sign-in sheet.

### **Reading of Previous Minutes**

Sondra Weeks made a motion to have the minutes read and approved from the last meeting (August 21, 2017); motion seconded by Tracy Crawford.

### **Old Business**

Donna Wentz provided a list of the upcoming SAC meeting dates to the members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance is currently unchanged; updated balance will be reported at next meeting after deducting the money for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade iReady books.

### **School Texting Platform**

Mr. Lambert explained the platform, which is up and running. Directions were distributed to enroll; text SAC2017 to 95577 to enroll.

### **Request for Funding**

Sue Flak requested money for the purchase of soil (traditional and hydroponic) for gardening use throughout the school year to align to the mission/vision. The total for funds requested is \$500.00 for 60 traditional bags of soil and 2 bags of hydroponic soil.

- Mr. Hepler asked about the use of the composters. Mrs. Flak responded that there are three food waste composters and two yard waste composters; the cafeteria shredders and composter should be arriving soon.
- Mrs. McCarty asked about whether local stores would be willing to donate items or money. Mrs. Flak said that Home Depot occasionally provides gift cards, but the purchased items are taxed and cost more money. The requested funds will purchase items through a school vendor, meaning it will be tax free.
- Josie Willems motioned to vote today on the request; no objections to voting today.
- Josie Willems motioned to approve the \$500.00 request for soil purchase; Sharon Klein seconded the motion.

## School Improvement Plan

Mrs. Wagner presented a PowerPoint with an overview of the School Improvement Plan.

- The mission and vision were altered last year to be more environmentally focused; no change this year.
- 2016-2017 FSA Results –
  - 63% Proficiency for Grades 3-5 ELA
  - 36% Proficiency for Grades 3-5 Math
  - 30% Proficiency for Grade 5 Science
- All goals on the School Improvement Plan are based on improving the FSA results.
  - A different math coach was hired.
  - Science is being tied to Project Learning Tree (PLT) lessons.
  - Learning Alliance partnership was approved to provide funding to improve proficiency.
    - A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade interventionist was hired, teaching on a pull-out, 4 student-to-1 teacher ratio.
    - A K-2 coach, who will focus on grades 1 & 2, was hired for academics, progress monitoring, and best practices.
    - Moonshot Academy will begin. It is similar to 21<sup>st</sup> Century, but will include kindergarten. It will be 3-21 day sessions throughout the year after school.
  - Continuing Partnerships:
    - 21<sup>st</sup> Century
    - Community Schools
    - Environmental Resources
      - 3 Greenhouses
      - Hydroponics garden
      - Butterfly garden
      - Kindergarten garden
      - ICLC (Science Lab)
      - Planting boxes
      - Biodegradable lunch trays with shredder and composter
      - Sensory garden
- School Weaknesses:
  - Administrative presence in academics
  - Monitoring for delivery of instruction
  - Professional development in differentiation
  - Professional development for understanding needs of LES
  - Unified belief and commitment to all students
- Plan to Improve
  - Focus on academic support and targeted support for lesson delivery
  - Professional development with staff input to areas of need
  - Moonshot Academy (kindergarten – grade 5)

- Anticipated Outcomes of the Adjustments:
  - Increase student achievement & FSA scores
    - To earn an 'A' status, the goals are as follows:
      - English-Language Arts – from 63% to 73% (or higher)
      - Math – from 36% to 55% (or higher)
      - Science – from 30% to 55% (or higher)
- Additional Goals:
  - PTA / Family Commitment
  - District ESE department assisting to ensure students with disabilities' needs are met
  - Formal and informal development of educational leaders
  - Nature trail
  - Follow the district's 5 year strategic plan
- Questions:
  - Mr. Hepler asked about how the district is able to calculate the percentages. Mrs. Weeks added on asking about how the state knows students' capabilities. Mrs. Wagner responded by explaining how the point system works.
    - Mrs. Wagner shared that two students from PIE received perfect scores on FSA last year.
  - Mrs. Sampson asked about who will attend the Moonshot Academy. Mrs. Wagner responded that students may be pulled from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program and will be invited, as needed. PIE is able to set the parameters for who is to attend.
  - Mrs. Weeks inquired about how parents can be made aware of the computer lab assistance for students. Mrs. Wagner answered that Beverly Mitchell will inform parents.
  - Mrs. Weeks commented that the goals are good, and asked about whether the goals are only for classroom teachers, or all teachers, including specials. Mrs. Wagner said that all teachers are involved.
  - Mrs. Weeks asked how the school notifies parents of the goals to make them more aware and excited. Mrs. Wagner said that Title I nights, last year's sit-down dinner, ConnectEd, and Facebook page were all utilized for doing so, but is open for more suggestions. Mr. Hudson added that he will include a performance for every Title I night to boost attendance.
    - Mrs. Farmer suggested putting a Teacher Tip in the monthly newsletter.
    - Mrs. Campbell suggested that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students talk about the blog posts at Title nights, or highlight a club or grade level projects at each meeting, such as the sensory garden.
  - Mrs. Weeks asked for Mrs. O'Shea to present PBS information at a subsequent meeting.

The School Improvement Plan is a public document, but is in draft format so that district and school initiatives may be aligned. Upon approval, the plan remains a fluid document and can be changed, if needed.

Sondra Weeks motioned to approve the School Improvement Plan; Tina Campbell seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Media Center

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Josie Willems motioned to end the meeting. Meeting ended at 4:42 pm on August 28, 2017.

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**Minutes recorded by Kelsey Whelan and Josie Willems on August 28, 2017;**

**Minutes typed by Kelsey Whelan on August 28, 2017.**