

Pelican Island Elementary School

SAC Meeting Notes

March 6, 2018

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:53 pm.

Attendance

Members Present

- Chris Kohlstedt
- Charlotte Jobe
- Janet Farmer
- Donna Wentz
- Kelsey Whelan
- Sondra Weeks
- Josie Willems
- Anita Ford
- Cynthia Kolb
- Shannon McCarty
- Caitlin Mumm
- Marc Lambert
- Tracy Crawford
- Storm Smith
- Karen Whelan

Members Not Present

- Greg Hepler (Excused)
- Tina Campbell (Excused)
- Sharon Klein (Excused)
- Jeanine Sampson (Excused)
- Chantal Shaw (Excused)
- Socorro Luna (Excused)
- Beverly Raiford (Excused)
- Edlyn Arroyo (Excused)

Reading of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Weeks made a motion to have the minutes read and approved; motion seconded by Mrs. Jobe.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Jobe. The current balance is \$11,476.72. The balance will begin to change to reflect the \$500 allotment for gardening (Mrs. Flak).

Kindergarten Digital Readiness Information

Mrs. Wentz discussed the digital resource for parents of incoming kindergarteners. The SAC Committee is asked to spread the word to incoming kindergarten parents about the resource. On the digital site, there are activities and information to assist with the age group. The resource can be found by going to the Parents-Students tab on the district website.

Proposal for Screenagers

- Mrs. Jobe explained that Screenagers is a video intending to limit children's time exposed to screens (phones, tablets, etc.) to help their lifestyle. The proposal would be to buy into the software licensing for \$300.
- Mrs. McCarty added more information about Screenagers, including how it discusses the amount of time children look at screens and how to explain to children why it is not good to look at the screen for long periods.
 - Mrs. McCarty also discussed the Circle application, which allows parents to turn the internet on and off to limit screen time.
 - Mr. Lambert felt the application was a good thing.
- The SAC Committee watched the trailer for Screenagers.
- Dr. Crawford explained the premise for the proposal as a community partnership. The ELC and the district are partnering to inform parents and students about screen time usage. The ELC donated \$500 and Children's Home Society donated \$300 toward the partnership. Dr. Crawford is requesting Pelican Island's SAC Committee to donate \$300 and is looking into Storm Grove Middle donating the final \$400 needed. Sebastian River High School could host the showings. We would receive the DVD within 10 days of the scheduled showing and could show the DVD 3 times. Dr. Crawford possibly suggested one showing at Storm Grove, one at Pelican Island for 4th and 5th graders, and one at the high school for parent viewing. Other alternatives for viewing are possible.
 - Mrs. Wentz asked how parents will benefit and whether they would get a copy of the DVD. Mrs. Crawford responded that they don't get the DVD, but can watch at one of the showings and ask a panel about any questions.
 - Mrs. Mumm asked why 2nd and 3rd graders could not be involved, as well. Dr. Crawford said the DVD's age range corresponds to older children, but could ask to find out.
 - Mrs. Jobe asked about advertising for the events. Mrs. Crawford said it is intended for the entire community, so there would be advertising including on Facebook, district website, etc.
 - Mrs. Kolb asked whether the showing could be on the hardcourt. Mr. Kohlstedt responded that equipment may not be available for the size of the crowd expected.
- Mr. Kohlstedt explained that the options for showings are like ProKids, or not showing during the school day (only the afternoon/evening). Sebastian River Middle does not want to partner for showings. If we pay \$300, we are entitled to 2 showings.
 - Mrs. Kolb asked why it would be more money for an outdoor showing. Mrs. McCarty responded with her opinion that it is expensive and it personally does not benefit her.
 - Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McCarty asked about attendance and whether it would be worth it. Mrs. Ford responded with her opinion that the film would not help parents control screen usage.

- Mrs. Farmer asked about the amount of time students are in front of a screen at school. Mrs. Wentz clarified that students are on iReady for about 45 minutes per subject (reading and math) per week and on Xtra Math daily for about 10 minutes.
- A vote for approval of funds was made. There were 0 people who approved use of funds for Screenages, 4 people that did not approve, and another 4 people who did not vote. Funding is not approved for Dr. Crawford's request for Screenagers.

Other Information

- The next meeting will be April 18th.
- Mr. Lambert stated his opinion that the video at \$300 would not be effective.
- Mrs. Weeks said the bottom line is how many would attend.

Meeting Adjourned:

Josie Willems motioned to end the meeting. Meeting ended at 4:31 pm on March 6, 2018.

**Minutes recorded by Kelsey Whelan and Josie Willems on March 6, 2018;
minutes typed by Kelsey Whelan on March 6, 2018.**