Sebastian Elementary School School Advisory Committee Minutes September 26, 2016

Members in Attendance

Katy Bartolini, Tish Hart, Rachel Holpfer, Nick Holpfer, Latesha Elder, Margit Hollifield

August Minutes

-The members read over the August minutes. Margit Hollifield motioned to accept the minutes and Nick Holpfer second the motion. All members were in favor.

SAC Meeting Dates

- -We would like to have our SAC Meetings the 4th Monday of every month at 6p.m.
- -Katy Bartolini will call SAC Members who were unable to attend and see if this works for them.

Dad's Breakfast

- -Our Dad's Breakfast will take place on September 28, 2016.
- -The assembly will take place at 8:15a.m. They will be provided bagels from Brooklyn Bagel's and coffee.

School Improvement Plan

- -The School Improvement Plan will be presented to the board in November for approval.
- -This year, we are working on increasing our scores on the FSA in math, reading and science.
- -To improve math and science scores, we are going to continue STEMSDay lessons on Early Release Days. Our science scores went up with this program in place last year. Also, we are going to implement Engage NY Math. The children will become better math thinkers.
- -We will be continuing 21 Century after school for grades 1-5 for extra reading support.

Food Backpacks

-We would like to start the food backpack program for our students. Mrs. Hart would like to get volunteers to pack the backpacks. Margit Hollifield said she could get PTA parents to come in to help after school. Also, we are going to see if the church can pack the backpacks and deliver them.

IReady

- -It is a website that provides a research based program in which the children participate in reading and math activities that provides additional tier support.
- -For the best results, the children should have 45 minutes of time on both the reading and math sections per week.
- -It is a diagnostic tool for teachers to monitor student success as well as areas that students need extra support.

-The program also provides lesson ideas for the teacher to improve reading and math skills that need to be reinforced and retaught.

Science Fair

- -The Science Fair will take place on November 17, 2016. It will run from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
- -We are in need of judges for this event. We are looking for people who have a science background. Please ask around and see if you can find any.
- -Mrs. Hart would like to have a Title 1 Parent Night focusing on Science so they can help their children at home with their projects.