

**Sebastian River High School  
SAC- School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes (5/23/16)**

A. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Valencia at 3:35 p.m.

B. Members in attendance were:

Alan Kayser ✓	Maureen Nicolace	Michele Holmes	Enrique Valencia	Joanne Holmes
Paul Giordano ✗	Stephanie Giordano ✓	Amanda King ✓	Ron Rompot ✓	

C. The minutes of the April 25, 2016 were reviewed. Ms. Holmes questioned item D. regarding the percentage needed for the parent survey- not sure whether it was 25% (per minutes) or 20%. Mr. Valencia will check with Mr. Racine and the minutes will be revised, as needed. Another area discussed was under item E. regarding the Attendance Policy. The minutes included mention of the suspension of a student's drivers license if a student has more than 15 unexcused absences. That section was not part of the proposal; it is already in effect. The minutes were changed to pull that section out and put in a new section so it stands alone as an item. Mrs. Holmes motioned to approve the minutes with the change made and pending the percentage change needing to be made. Mr. Kayser seconded. Motion passed.

D. Newsletter costs were included on the agenda; however Mr. Racine could not attend the meeting due to being busy with Storm Grove students being on campus because of a bomb threat, so that agenda item was not discussed. ~g/v-

E. Update on 2016-2017 Attendance Policy: All faculty received a copy of the draft and it was discussed at the Department Chair meeting last week. The Leadership Class responded positively to the recommendations, and Student Council has also provided input. Discussion ensued on the inconsistency of policies being enforced, which is something that is being addressed by the school. The new Attendance Policy is one step toward providing that consistency (but other areas apart from attendance need to also be addressed).

F. Sharing:

Mr. Giordano asked how the peer mediation program was doing. Since they used SAC Funds for the program, it would be nice to receive that feedback. Mr. Valencia responded that there has only been a few peer mediation circumstances. All agreed that receiving feedback would be good to have and perhaps we should have receiving feedback be a part of the standard process of receiving funds.

Mr. Giordano brought up approaching Bose to get headsets for those students who are hearing impaired or with attention deficit issues. Might be a good idea to pilot a program to provide support services for special ed students with IEPs. Mr. Valencia suggested that we have Mr. Giordano and his son, who has an IEP, meet with Mrs. Norman who is the ESE Resource Specialist.

AP, IB, FCAT and FSA testing has been completed. Mr. Valencia shared about the amount of testing on which guidance and others spend time. He felt that it was very successful this year, in spite of some hiccups.

Mr. Giordano wondered out loud if there were a way to track whether parents/students are using FOCUS. Ms. Holmes thinks there is. Mrs. Nicolace suggested that perhaps FOCUS could be reviewed at Open House so that parents can feel more comfortable with the new system.

Mr. Valencia thanked the group for their involvement this year on SAC.

I. Adjournment-- Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Next Meeting on August 22, 2016.

*Minutes recorded by Maureen Nicolace.*