

Sebastian River Middle School

School Advisory Committee

The SRMS School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting took place on Monday, September 21st, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Tatro at 3:45 p.m. In attendance were: Jody Idlette-Principal, Cynthia Emerson-Assistant Principal, Meredith Tatro-SAC Chair, Denise Griffin, Shameka McCombs-Owens, Sharon Dotson, Jackie Ogilvie, Marie Taglione, Richelle Cluck, Tina Campbell, Teresa Monnett, and Caroline Maschhoff. Guests in attendance were Lis Bech-Electives Department Chair, Jack Hodge-Social Studies Department Chair, and Ethan Kinkle-Director SRMS Choir

With this being our first SAC meeting on the 2015-2016 year, introductions were made for all members and guests. Elections were conducted for Chairperson and Secretary. Meredith Tatro was nominated for Chairperson by unanimous vote and Denise Griffin and Caroline Maschhoff were elected as co-Secretaries.

The committee agreed on upcoming meeting dates for the 2015 – 2016 school year as follows:

- 11/16/2015 3:30 pm
- 1/25/2015 3:30 pm
- 3/14/2016 3:45 pm
- 5/16/2016 3:30 pm

The committee reviewed and made minor corrections to the minutes of our meeting of May 4th, 2015. Meredith Tatro moved to approve and Caroline Maschhoff seconded the motion.

Cynthia Emerson, Assistant Principal, shared the School Improvement Plan. The group reviewed the handouts which included the Strategic Goals Summary and Details for each goal, as well as Action Plan for Improvement. Mrs. Tatro moved to approve the plan with minor changes and Mrs. Bech seconded the motion.

The following funding requests were made:

- Mr. Hodge made a funding request for \$135 to support the purchase of items to express the school's appreciation to Mr. Jerry Smith for providing the tiles that the 8th graders paint each year as they learn about the holocaust. Mr. Hodge will look to purchase a plaque expressing our appreciation. We also plan to advertise his business in our yearbook. The itemized cost consist of \$50 for the plaque, \$50 for the yearbook (1/2 page) advertisement, and \$35 for the yearbook. Mrs. Tatro motioned to approve this request and Mrs. Maschhoff seconded the motion which was then fully approved by the committee.
- Mr. Hodge made a second funding request to do something for the Vets involving the students. While all the details are not yet worked out, the plan is to have some type of appreciation breakfast where the students are involved in serving the Vets. Mr. Kinkle will have the choir sing God Bless American and the Vets will be given a tour. The estimated cost to buy the food and supplies will be approximately \$200. Mrs. Tatro motioned to approve this request and Mrs. Maschhoff seconded the motion which was then fully approved by the committee.

- Mr. Kinkle advised that the Madrigal singers will be taking a trip to Atlanta in April. This will be a curricular trip with a singing competition. The total cost per student will be \$430. His hope is to have each student fundraise and pay approximately \$340 toward the total cost and request funds from SAC for the difference. There are 35 students registered as well as chaperones so the fund request to close the gap will be approximately \$4,000. To date they have raised \$1,500 from the first car wash and they plan to do that several more times along with other fundraising efforts. The Committee moved to hold off on contributing until we see what funding can be raised through traditional fundraising efforts. The Committee agrees to support the choir in other ways as well as fundraising efforts and through community support. Mr. Kinkle will come back during the January SAC meeting to update us on his progress. Mrs. Tatro motioned to approve this approach and Mrs. Ogilvie seconded the motion. The Committee fully agreed with this approach.
- Mrs. Idlette asked for \$800 to be able to send out their quarterly Newsletters in paper format as many parents have asked for this. Mrs. Ogilvie motioned to approve the request and Mrs. Maschhoff seconded the motion.

Mrs. Idlette passed out the SAC Basics document for review by all Committee members. This document contains power point slides regarding Membership, Roles, Duties, Officers, Sunshine Meetings, Bylaws Requirements and Minutes.

Our next SAC meeting will be held on November 16th at 3:30pm.