

## Sebastian River Middle School

### School Advisory Committee

**The SRMS School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting took place on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**The meeting was called to order by Meredith Tatro at 3:32 p.m. In attendance were:** Cynthia Emerson-Assistant Principal, Meredith Tatro-SAC Chair, Lis Bech-Electives Department Chair, Denise Griffin, Amanda King, Shameka McCombs-Owens, Jacquelyn Ogilvie, Marie Taglione, Richelle Cluck, Tina Campbell, Sharon Dotson, and Teresa Monnett.

The committee reviewed minutes from our meeting of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and added several attendees that were omitted. Mrs. Tatro moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. McCombs-Owens seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bech gave an update on Electives at SRMS and advised that Mr. Capo and Mr. Kebbel will be retiring at the end of this school year. We will continue our Spanish electives with Mr. Rojas (from Columbia) and Mrs. Seixas-McCarthy (from Brazil), as well as PE.

Mr. Sturgeon, American History teacher and IB Coordinator gave an update on Social Studies classes and how he and Mr. Hodge tailor their studies to support the School Improvement Plan. For example, they will pre-test all students at the beginning of the year and then test them again at the end of each semester to analyze their progress. For the upcoming holidays, Mr. Sturgeon and Mr. Hodge will work with the students to send cards to wounded warriors. Mrs. Emerson advised that she has joined their classes often and confirms that they are encouraging students to a high-level of thinking which supports the FSA.

Cynthia Emerson, Assistant Principal, shared the Principals report, (See attached). The report included School Improvement Plan feedback, results of the 5k Run/Walk, upcoming Fun In the Sun and Honor Roll events, as well as several other topics. The following funding requests was also included:

- Mrs. Idlette asked for \$3,000 to cover the cost to provide transportation to students each Thursday second semester, 1/20/16 to 5/3/16. There is a requirement of two buses each week, one bus for the students who live in North County and one bus for the South County. The \$3,000 is an estimate based on the \$4,900 that was spent on transportation for the 2014-15 school year (Mid-October to the first week in May). This transportation funding would allow any student that has a need for tutoring in Math or ELA (English Lang. Arts) to stay, and for students to also participate in extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Ogilvie motioned to approve the request and Mrs. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the following upcoming events:

- 12/17/2015, 6:30 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents and their families are invited to attend and evening of treats in the cafeteria. Each student will use their math skills to make a treat for the event.
- 12/18/2015 Winter Wonderland – this occurs during the school day. Students began earning tickets and each student can attend with the admission of a golden ticket (worth 25 individual tickets). This is a great motivator for the students and is hosted by the PBS who has been working on fundraising efforts such as hat days, raffles, movie days, etc.

- Mrs. Bech will be discussing Relay for Life at the next SAC meeting.
- Drama club will be putting on a play in the near future.
- Donations for the holiday store are being collected now. Please bring any items you can prior to the week of 12/3.

Our next SAC meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:30pm. Our meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.