

Pelican Island Elementary School

SAC Meeting Notes

September 12, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:48 pm.

Attendance

Members Present

- Rachel Moree
- Charlotte Jobe
- Donna Wentz
- Kelsey Whelan
- Sondra Weeks
- Caitlin Mumm
- Storm Smith
- Jeanine Sampson
- Nicola Blanton
- Josie Willems
- Chantal Shaw
- Socorro Luna
- Officer Rosemond
- Christine Franke
- Marisol Nunez

Members Not Present

- LaShanda Stinson (Excused)
- Maria Muth (Excused)

Guests Present

- Elaine Dobson
- Elizabeth Bakhuizen
- Colleen Fobes
- Suellen Wright
- Edlyn Arroyo
- Beverly Raiford

Reading of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Mumm made a motion to have the minutes read and approved; motion seconded by Mrs. Blanton.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Jobe. The current balance is \$8,774.70 (unchanged).

Request for Funds

Three requests for funds were made. Mrs. Wentz advised the committee to wait until next meeting to approve any funds requests in respect of each request.

- Miss Bakhuizen (5th grade science/social studies teacher) requested funds to purchase Scholastic News magazines for \$405 (every 5th grader), or at minimum \$135 (one class set). The magazines contain cross-curricular news articles of high-interest to students, with many being directly related to science and social studies concepts. The purchase would also come with differentiated lesson plans, online resources, and lesson posters.
 - Mrs. Sampson asked whether 5th grade was the subject that tests FSA in science. Miss Bakhuizen replied that 5th grade does take FSA science.
 - Mrs. Weeks asked whether the magazines are available digitally. Miss Bakhuizen replied that there are the digital resources available, which could potentially be used during Rtl as enrichment.
 - Mrs. Weeks asked whether the magazines would be an enhancement to the current curriculum. Miss Bakhuizen replied that it would be an enhancement.
 - Mrs. Weeks motioned to approve the request; Mrs. Blanton seconded the motion. Mrs. Wentz and Mrs. Moree replied that it would be most fair to all requests to wait until next meeting to vote on approval.
- The kindergarten team (Ms. Wright, Mrs. Fobes, Mrs. Recio) requested funds to purchase the ESGI student screening program for \$184 per teacher, for a total of \$552. The team's request for the program was approved last year with great success. The online program allows teachers to digitally assess students' abilities and understanding in alignment to the report card and standards. The program saves teachers a huge amount of time versus assessing students with paper and pencil and is highly engaging to students.
 - Mrs. Willems advocated for the program. As a parent of a kindergartener last year, she felt the reports were very easy to understand and provided great information.
 - Mrs. Weeks thanked the team for returning with a report on the success of the program last year.
 - Mrs. Moree asked whether ESE kindergarten students could also have access. The team replied that the students could be added to one of their teacher accounts, rather than purchase an additional class.
 - Mrs. Dobson asked whether the ESE teacher could assess from their own classroom, or whether the general education kindergarten teacher would need to assess the student. The team replied that the teacher's account would be shared so the ESE teacher could assess.
- Mrs. Dobson (ESE teacher assistant) requested funds to purchase a water bottle filler (\$1052.94), filters (\$80), and water bottles (100 bottles for \$199.00). Storm Grove Middle and Osceola Magnet currently have the fillers. The filler senses the water bottle's size and fills it to capacity. The filler would reduce environmental waste and align to the school's green initiative.
 - Mrs. Franke asked how long the filters last. Mrs. Dobson replied that she is unsure, but has emails out to the company and other schools for more information.

- Mrs. Moree emphasized that the filler returns back to the green school initiative, so she does not envision the water bottles to be a fundraiser, but rather would love for every student to receive a bottle to unite and promote the school among the community.
- Mrs. Weeks asked how many students are currently enrolled. Mrs. Moree replied that there are just under 400 students currently.
- Mrs. Luna asked how other schools have funded the fillers. Mrs. Dobson replied that some schools asked for parent contributions, some had PTA contribute, and some sold water bottles as a fundraiser prior to purchasing the filler.
- Mrs. Luna asked whether the water bottles would be purchased as a fundraiser for the school or to replace the cost of the filler. Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Moree replied that it would be best to purchase outright.
- Mrs. Wright added that she currently has parents who do not want their child drinking from the water fountain for cleanliness reasons, which the filler benefits.
- Mrs. Moree added that many students prefer to drink water over milk at lunch, which is allowed with small plastic cups. The water bottles would be beneficial environmentally as the plastic cup would be eliminated and would help in the cafeteria with behavior as students would not need to get up and down to refill their water cup.
- Mrs. Weeks confirmed that about \$2200.00 would be needed for the filler, filters, and water bottles for every student.
- Mrs. Willems asked whether the water bottle touches the dispenser. Mrs. Dobson replied that the bottle does not touch the dispenser.
- Mrs. Willems asked the capacity of the water bottle. Mrs. Dobson replied that the water bottle is 24 oz, the size of a common sports bottle.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Mrs. Moree discussed the areas of focus on the SIP. The two areas of focus will be the following:

1. Increase Achievement and Proficiency
2. Increase Family and Community Engagement

In previous school years, Pelican Island achievement and proficiency scores have been low for students with disabilities and African American students, which will be of specific focus.

The school had 100 more families attend Open House this year than last year. Facebook is also being utilized as a communication method if parents/community members follow the school.

School Updates

Mrs. Moree discussed the Day of Caring on October 5th. Volunteers will help to beautify the school campus. The courtyard and greenhouses will be of focus. Mrs. Moree hopes for the school to become a science-focused campus and sees it as a way to build up the school's recognition and notoriety.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 3:45 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Adjourned:

Kelsey Whelan motioned to end the meeting. Meeting ended at 4:14 pm on September 12, 2019.

Minutes recorded and typed by Kelsey Whelan on September 12, 2019.