

Sebastian River Middle School

School Advisory Committee

MINUTES

October 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER. Meredith Tatro called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

A warm welcome was extended to our guest, School Board member Claudia Jimenez.

Ms. Tatro thanked the members for agreeing to the change of the October SAC meeting date, a week earlier than originally scheduled, in order to review the School Improvement Plan (SIP) so that it can be submitted to the School Board.

ATTENDANCE. The following SAC members were present:

Margaret Davis	Carol Scaramuzzi	Melissa Sleeper
Paul Giordano	Debra Schroeder	Joe Stabile
Alan Kayser	Michelle Scott	Meredith Tatro
Dave Kramek	Bennie Shaw	

MINUTES. The Minutes of the September 24, 2012 SAC Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Melissa Sleeper moved to approve the Minutes. Alan Kayser seconded, and the motion carried.

SCHEDULE CHANGE. Mr. Kramek reported that 82% of the staff voted to approve the new EPIC Schedule. Beginning October 24, the start of the second marking period, the daily bell schedule at SRMS will change to include a 30-minute 8th period at the end of the day. This RODEO period will be a time for students to read independently, fostering increased reading fluency. Teachers will also have the opportunity to pull students for remediation or enrichment. Once each week, or bi-weekly, departments will meet to share information, review data, and/or work collaboratively to design lessons aligned to the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS). A communication blitz – consisting of Connect Ed calls, updates to the school calendar, website, and newsletter, an informational PowerPoint presented to students in class, and the print-out of new schedules for all students – has been designed to ensure that information about the pending change is communicated to students and parents.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP). PM2 data, based on FCAT 2012 results, has been uploaded detailing student performance in the areas of reading, math, and science. Writing data, based on essays students wrote in class this fall, was input manually. Dr. Shaw shared highlights of the data and plans to address our students' needs. Seventy-three percent of our

students qualify for free and reduced lunch; this is the highest of all secondary schools in our district. NOTE: Schools with 75% of the students qualifying for free and reduced lunch may apply for Title I funds. Alan Kayser moved to accept the School Improvement Plan. Margaret Davis seconded, and the motion carried.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS Mr. Kramek reported that we have been busy at SRMS this fall!

AND GOOD NEWS. Highlights include:

- Students participated in a ***Mock Presidential Election***. Civics has “come alive” and students have been actively engaged in learning about the process, the candidates, and the issues. Both student reports of the election and coverage by the press was positive.
- Art Teacher, Lis Bech, offered a ***Family Pottery Night*** for 38 participants. Students and adults enjoyed the experience, and Ms. Bech has already been asked to do another Family Pottery Night later in the year.
- NJHS has scheduled its 6th annual ***Halloween Dance/Haunted Trail*** for October 26. One hundred tickets have already been sold! One of the programs that NJHS supports is Harvest Outreach.
- The NJHS Fall ***Book Fair*** will be open from November 5-12. All students will visit the Book Fair and it will be open during parent-teacher conferences for the convenience of parents who may want to stop, browse, and shop. NJHS is pleased to be able to offer a discounted price for pre-paid orders of the newest title in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. *The Third Wheel*, the seventh book in the series, is scheduled to be released on November 13, 2012.
- ***Parent-Teacher Conferences*** are scheduled for November 7th, 3:00-5:30 p.m., and November 8th, 3:00-8:00 p.m.
- The annual ***SRMS 5K Family Walk/Run*** is set for Saturday, November 10, 2012. All participants receive a tee-shirt and goody bag; they are invited to breakfast at 7:00 a.m. A DJ will be present and prizes will be awarded. Proceeds support the IB Program, including teacher training and tee-shirts for students.

NEXT MEETING. The next SAC Meeting will be on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 3:45 in the SRMS Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT. Paul Giordano moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Joe Stabile seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Schroeder