

Sebastian River Middle School

School Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER. Dave Kramek called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following SAC members were present:

Margaret Davis	Shameka McCombs	Debra Schroeder	Melissa Sleeper
Alan Kayser	Ron Rompot	Michelle Scott	Joe Stabile
Dave Kramek	Carol Scaramuzzi	Bennie Shaw	Meredith Tatro

MINUTES. The Minutes of the October 22, 2012 SAC Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Melissa Sleeper moved to approve the Minutes. Margaret Davis seconded, and the motion carried.

DONATION. Dr. Shaw thanked Ron Rompot for the donation of a washer/dryer that is being used by the PE Department and SRMS athletic teams.

EIGHTH GRADE DANCE. Alan Kayser agreed to chair committee to plan and host the eighth grade dance.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP). All students, grades 6-8, wrote a persuasive essay during the School-wide Writes on January 23. Another round of Benchmark Testing has started in math, reading, and science. Data from these assessments will be analyzed, which will then help teachers make instructional decisions to maximize student learning.

COURSE RECOVERY/SUMMER SCHOOL. The current course recovery program is being phased out and students will begin to use Florida Virtual School (FVS) to make-up needed credits if they fail a required class. A teacher will continue to be available to monitor/assist SRMS students during our after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the second semester. Students will be able to work at home, as well. SDIRC has announced that Summer School will be available in June 2013 via Florida Virtual School.

SAC FUNDS. Neither the State of Florida nor the SDIRC is funding SAC this year. The SRMS SAC account has a current balance of \$1712, which is enough to fund Cowboy Camp in August 2013 before the start of the 2013-2014 school year. SAC members agreed that Cowboy Camp, which is an orientation for incoming sixth graders, is valuable. The cost for two full days (four sessions) is approximately \$1500-\$1600. For the future, we need to consider fund-raising. Dr. Shaw suggested that SAC may want to assume responsibility for the concession stand during basketball season. Although SAC is not acting on this issue now, it was agreed that we must revisit the funding issue in the future.

SAC BY-LAWS. Mr. Kramek wants to send a message to both our school community and to the public that SAC is valuable, and he wants to increase parent commitment in the SRMS SAC. He asked for input from the current membership about a plan to ask for a three-year membership commitment from parents. He also wants to encourage parent representation from each grade-level, with at least two parents per grade-level.

Meredith Tatro reminded the members that all SACs are required to be comprised of parents at the ratio of 50% plus one. Although SRMS has always met that requirement, parent attendance at our meetings is not always that high. With consensus, it was agreed that Mr. Kramek and Mrs. Tatro will draft a proposal to modify the SRMS SAC By-Laws.

GOOD NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

- Eighth-grade math teacher Karah Widick, the SRMS Teacher of the Year, is one of the SDIRC five finalists. Each school's Teacher of the Year will be recognized at a ceremony at the VBHS PAC at 6:30 p.m. on February 13th, and Dr. Adams, Superintendent, will announce the name of the teacher who will serve as the SDIRC Teacher of the Year and compete for the title of Florida Teacher of the Year.
- Eighth grader Mark Green is the SRMS Spelling Bee winner for the second consecutive year. He will participate in the Treasure Coast Regional Spelling Bee in Port St. Lucie on March 9th. Seventh grader Alyssa Wiles was the runner-up.
- Two of Mrs. Taflinger's eighth-grade Language Arts students were honored by the Sebastian VFW for their winning entries in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. Gianna O'Neill was the first-place winner and Tyler Van Aucken was awarded third-place. They received certificates and cash prizes.
- Seventy-seven fifth-grade students and their parent(s) attended the IB Informational Open House on January 24, 2013. An IB Orientation is scheduled for May 7th for those who will enter the program at the start of the 2013-2014 school year.
- Mr. Kramek explained that teacher evaluations were not completed last year because of changes to the evaluation system. The State has just released VAM scores, which are a factor in the revised evaluation system. The VAM scores will be shared with teachers during the next week. Ninety-nine percent of the SDIRC teacher evaluations rate the staff as exemplary, highly effective, or effective. Mr. Kramek said that he is proud to work with the SRMS staff and sees teachers who give 100% and work effectively with our students every day. There was talk of the Press Journal stories that were in the Sunday newspaper (January 27, 2013) about the new teacher evaluation system and FCAT. Several parents also voiced support for and appreciation of the SRMS faculty and staff.

NEXT MEETING. The next SAC meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 3:45 p.m. in the SRMS Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Schroeder