

SRMS SAC Meeting

March 15, 2010

- Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 3:50 by Meredith Tatro
- February 22, 2010 Minutes – the minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote.
- New Business
 - Parent Survey - Please get the word out that we need input and the time has been extended to complete the survey. The deadline has passed, however it was extended to allow more participation. It is available on line or hard copies will be provided upon request. Mr. Racine will do another Connect Ed message to get more participation. There are copies in the office for anyone who would like a paper copy. Those that are returned will be input into the computer system by a staff member.
 - SAC Survey - We can use this information for our SAC survey or we can develop a survey with specific questions related to SAC. Consensus among SAC members was that one survey was enough and that sending home another would cause confusion. It would also not be a wise use of paper. There was a motion and second to use the District Survey for SAC planning and feedback. The motion was approved by a vote. It was also discussed that if SAC wanted input on one specific question, it could be asked through the ConnectEd system.
 - Calendar Information - Mr. Racine was on the District Calendar committee. The goal of the committee was to put students and their needs first. The calendar that was recommended to the board took into account students who participate in dual enrollment classes. This affects the FTE counts between the colleges and high schools. On the proposed SAC calendar there are three weekends in winter break and two full weeks. Exams would be before winter break. The down side is that there are two uneven semesters (83/97), however with FCAT testing in spring the number of instructional days is almost equal.
 - District Budget- There will be a Budget Workshop for the board tomorrow at 9:00am and 1:30. The workshop is to make recommendations for the upcoming budget. Board members will discuss finances and possible budget cuts. Public may attend but not speak. If you have ideas or suggestions e-mail or call the board members.
- Announcements/Comments
 - Categorical Funds – It is possible that the State of Florida will release categorical funds to the discretion of each school district. That would mean that money that was originally reserved to adopt new math curriculum could be spent in other areas. This is critical because the new math standards are going into affect and the current curriculum is insufficient in teaching the necessary skills and concepts. If the money is released Math teachers will be forced to make do with the current materials, this would be disservice to the students. Math has been using the same books for the past 7 years. The current text does not address the needs of low performing students adequately. It is time to contact the state legislators and voice our opinion about releasing categorical funds for general use. Seth suggested contacting community groups in order to inform the public of these changes.
 - SAC Budget - It appears that SAC will have the same budget for the upcoming year as this year. Money for Cowboy Camp has been allocated already.
 - SAC Meeting - the next meeting will be April 19, 2010 at 3:45 in the SRMS Media Center
- Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Attendance: Bud Verdeber, Karen Gabbert, Arjantin Benjamin, Linda Meguin, Laurie Young, Sylvia Marley, Meredith Tatro, Seth Goldsmith, Shirley Brown, Beth Lieberman, Scott Goldsmith, Kay Smith, Richelle Cluck, Katy Bartolini, Todd Racine