

SRMS SAC Meeting

November 23, 2009

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:45 by Meredith Tatro
- Old Business:
 - October 28, 2009 – minutes were read and approved by a vote
 - PBS Conference – SAC voted and agreed to pay for Millie Chapman to attend the Opportunity Help and Hope Conference in Tampa, FL. She met with Meredith Tatro to give details about the conference and how she plans to incorporate what she learned there. She will be piloting the program with 11 students and their parents in an 8-session program, where they work on goal-setting, along with other topics.
- New Business:
 - Differentiated Accountability – Mr. Racine provided a detailed explanation of the state Differentiated Accountability system that is used to determine if schools meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). We reviewed and analyzed the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Benchmark scores for Reading and Math, and the 8th grade scores for Science.
 - ARRA (American Reinvestment Recovery Act) Funds – The government is providing funding to help our low- and high- achieving students with programs that will be held both before and after school. The kickoff date for these programs is December 1, 2009. It will consist of, homework help, ELL Vocabulary Acquisition, Advanced Reading/Latin Club, Intensive and Advanced Math tutoring, a Writing Boot Camp, etc. We will be able to provide a free snack to students who stay after school to participate in these programs. Mr. Racine will be sending Connect Ed messages so the parents are informed about what SRMS is offering.
- Announcements/Comments:
 - NJHS Halloween Dance – The dance on 10/30/09 was extremely successful. Over 180 tickets were sold, and more than 200 students attended the dance.
 - Silver Level Model School – SRMS has been awarded the title of Silver Level Model School for our PBS Program once again.
 - Fundraisers – The PTSA and NJHS Fundraisers have been very successful this year. Even though SRMS has almost 500 fewer students, it has not had a huge impact on the amount of money our school makes.
 - Success for Teens – Michelle Scott is incorporating “Success for Teens,” a book created by the SUCCESS Foundation, into the In-School Suspension curriculum. This is going to be used to help the students with decision-making skills and help them to make positive choices. Our school has received 75 free books.
 - Box Tops – Michelle Scott met with the PTSA Coordinator for Box Tops. So far, we have 1,629 Box Tops that have been submitted. Box Top money goes to PTSA and goes directly back to students through Book-a-Day giveaway, Cowboy Camp, PBS, etc. Our school goal is to earn \$1,000 through this collection.
 - Honor Roll – Over 300 students made the Honor Roll for the first quarter. That’s a third of our population!
 - New Faculty – Jane Preston is the Long-Term Substitute who will be teaching Mrs. Schneider’s Science classes. Sandy Beller is our new Media Specialist, joining us from PIE, and Mrs. Milliman is going to the FLC.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.
- Attendance:

- Todd Racine	- Rachel Sullivan	- Michelle Scott	- Bud Verderber	- Sue Tetreault
- Meredith Tatro	- Katherine Bartolini	- Kenyatta McCombs	- Sylvia Marley	- Laurie Smith
- Seth Goldsmith	- Linda Meguin	- Carleen Hill	- Shirley Brown	- Arjantin Beniamin