



Sebastian Elementary School

Home of the Sebastian Sea Turtles

SAC Minutes May 22, 2023

Attendance: Parents: Page Falcetta, John Rubino, Erin Catanzano, Grace Shelton
Teachers and Staff: Monica Sherrill- Long
Administrators: Letitia Whitfield-Hart

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Sebastian Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on May 22, 2023, Mrs. Sherrill-Long called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Ms. Sherrill-Long will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

The February 27, 2023, SAC meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Rubino made a motion to approve them. Motion was second and approved by Erin Catanzano.

New Business:

Mrs. Hart gave a description what SAC is and explained what all is involved during a SAC meeting. She discussed where SAC funds come from and how they are used at Sebastian Elementary School of the Arts. The SAC Committee ties into the SIP Plan and committee must be racially balanced based on the demographics of the school to be in compliance with the state. The meetings should be majority parents; staff may attend, but not have control over the meetings.

The goal for the September 2023 meeting is to have more people to add to diversity of the meetings. Mrs. Hart went over Kindergarten Camp and how she is going to try to recruit Kindergarten parents for the SAC meetings. Mrs. Hart explained that she is planning a Kindergarten Parent Night to go over school procedures and routines of the school. Mrs. Hart discussed whether the state is going to be giving school grades this year. She is pleased with the FAST scores and overall scores look great for the school.

Mrs. Sheldon asked if there was a teacher wish list that the teachers may want for their classroom that SAC could purchase for them. Mrs. Hart explained that SAC can not purchase supplies for teachers using SAC funds. On the other hand, SAC can purchase supplemental materials for the curriculum, but supplemental supplies must be tied into the SIP Plan or curriculum. Mrs. Hart expressed the importance of SAC funds being available for use by any teacher in the school to use at least once for curriculum supplemental materials.

Ms. Cantanzano asked the question of afterschool activities and funds that could pay for the activities. Mrs. Sheldon volunteered to make a map of pick-up line for instructions for K-2 and 3-5 parents for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Hart expressed the safety concern of car name tags everyday at car pick-up. Ms. Cantanzano expressed a safety concern concerning the supervision at the school bike racks. Mrs. Hart stated that she will be asking a teacher from the Leadership Team to supervise the bike rack area next year. She also explained that parents are required to stay in their car and drive around to the car pick-up area to pick up their child.

Mrs. Sheldon asked when the school is going to set the school calendar for school events. The goal is to have the calendar sent out earlier for events, such as Muffins for Moms and Grandparents Day. Title 1 Nights are set by the district. Mrs. Hart went over grades K-2 will be doing a parent involvement event at least once a quarter.

SAC Elections:

Mrs. Sheldon was voted into SAC. Paige Falcetta made a motion to approved and Mr. Rubino made a motion to second the approval.

Next Meeting Date & Time: The next meeting will be held in September; no date has been set yet.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion: Ms. Sherrill-Long motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:07pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by: Monica Sherrill-Long