

Patriot Oaks Academy – School Advisory Council Notes

October 24, 2017 in the Media Center 3:31

Time 3:31pm: Welcome and Handouts

Introduction (Cori Duprey):

- Reviewed minutes – minutes passed for September meeting.
- SAC Funds- \$10,519.72
- Guidelines for spending the funds (suggestions made): Lowest 25% in math and ELA
- Duggan speaks about tutoring and computer labs/possibly using the labs to tutor and monitor progress after school/identify students & organize tutoring
- MTSS & possible research-based strategies
- Programs could also be used in centers, etc. in all classes.
- At HCE there was a per teacher application.
- Concerns about licensed programs: may not have that same \$ for the next year
- Computerized programs that are installed rather than membership based
- A lot of teachers get the Scholastic magazine.
- Ms. Olson explained that the SAC committee will provide suggestions.
- Research the costs of tutoring programs, etc.
- Support all students rather than just the bottom quartile.
- Ms. Olson is leaning toward web-based programs and we need to research first.
- Should we ask teachers what ideas they might have? Will they be disappointed if they don't get anything? (Send an email to team leaders and ask for input.) *The money has to tie into the SIP in some way.* Ms. Olson explained that the lowest 25% looks different at POA.
- Tutoring has to happen because it is in the plan.
- Has the PTO been asked for funding for the tutoring program? SAC is meant for SIP, so it makes sense for SAC to fund some of it.
- PTO is great with funding many programs.
- Ideally, students will be able to access the program from home.
- i-Ready has a component that is pricey, but we would buy it for the bottom quartile.
- Tabled the funds discussion

Focus Group (Meredith Connell):

- This meeting occurred right before rezoning town hall meetings, but Forson shut that down.
- Beth Sweeny spoke and is very knowledgeable. Session 1/9-3/9. She shared the platform that St Johns County is requesting. Make your letters personal and respectful.
- Please restore the millage rate. Meredith asked Sweeny what is the possibility and she said that the state isn't quite there yet, but the idea is gaining traction. (Restoration of 2.0)
- See platform on the district web-site.
- St Johns County needs for our sales tax to NOT count in the dollar amount for new buildings.
- We receive no dollars for behavioral and mental health for our students.
- HB 7069 teacher-led PE, but only about 30-50K is going to charter schools
- We get less money than we did ten years ago for VPK.
- Money follows the student . . . doesn't come in advance.

Principal's Report:

Chargerthon = \$38,000 so far

MS needs to step up, but they are giving money to their younger siblings.

MS Advisory Group: Diverse and phenomenal! Different perspectives. Tackled dress code (very specific). Provides ownership and student input. MS is tough; what can we do to give them more ownership and freedom?

Red Ribbon Week: In the past it has been mostly healthy lifestyles, but we are also talking about making good choices about alcohol, etc. *We are practicing making choices so that we can make the best choices when it really matters.

Halloween Parade: Two hours of costumes and parades, and then it is done. Elementary school students can wear costumes if they want; if students do not celebrate Halloween, they may come in late – no guns, no masks, no blood, etc. Ms. Olson discussed the parade route. MS can watch/teacher discretion.

Good of the Group:

Megan Doxzon-Lewis got married.

Ms. Sierra-Lovett is expecting a girl!

Project Lead the Way has been approved by the district. (K-5)

Adjourned at 4:34

In Attendance on September 26, 2017

Allison Olson, Ashley McCormick, Megan Doxzon, Millie Sierra, Julie Ogden, Matthew Duggan, Meredith Connell, Debbie Driscoll, Lisa Smith, Valeri Spees, Carolyn King, Heather West, Kathleen Boothe, Allyson Jordan, Courtney Duprey, Karen Correale, Laura Willis, Dianna Carlson-Bright