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| Date and Time | January 23, 2024 – 3:30pm |
| Place | POA Media Center |
| Attendance | Staff: Drew Chiodo, Denise Hodges, Kathy Hudson, Jen Hughes, Millie SierraMembers: Shawna Berden, Julie Dashiell, Shannone Joseph, Johanna Karlsson, Abbey Mander, Richard Song  |
| Call to Order by | Denise Hodges |
| Minutes (agenda order) | Budget ReviewNo Treasurer’s report presented.Science AdoptionInput needed for new science material adoption for K-8. Mr. Chiodo explained the process. A team of nine teachers and two community members will serve. Kim Susice is overseeing the review. The team will meet and review the various submissions, discuss, and make a recommendation to the school district. The school board makes the final decision. Mr. Song and Mr. Joseph volunteered to serve.Principal’s ReportPOA has a current enrollment of 1,490, an increase of 15 since December. Celebrations: Tech Titans reached regional finals. Teachers are making strides toward reaching school goals by implementing Kagan strategies, focusing on student engagement. Progress monitoring data increases are showing results of that. More than 80% are already proficient. Teachers are attending workshops focused on implementing accommodations, led by Lynn Adkins. The training has been very beneficial. February 5-9 is school counselor appreciation week; February 15 is School Resource Officer Day. We are thankful for the positive impact that Ms. Giannotta, Ms. Sierra, Ms. Seay and Officer Beasley all have on our school. The 8th grade Washington, DC trip leaves February 11.  District Budget UpdateThere are two budget initiatives from the school district: renewal of ½ cent sales tax (used exclusively for operations budget – construction, technology, building renovation, $50-55 million each year), and a millage rate proposal (to address salaries of teachers and support staff). Both will be on the November ballot. Ms. Dashiell shared that there has been some community concern with rumors of budget cuts. Gretchen Saunders, the county CFO will be coming to March SAC meeting. Last year’s new legislation has impacted the budget in two ways. The state funding model has changed. ESER grants are now no longer available to schools. An estimated $28 million shortfall will exist for next year because of these changes.  SAC survey question reviewSurveys will go out for staff, students, and parents. The SAC team will have access to the results. This data will help decision-making for next year. Parent survey - Suggestions for change: Delete #28 – covid question. Change wording – I have observed my child actively serving/volunteering. Add question that delineates IEP, special needs? #26 adjust middle school electives to current. Staff survey – no changes neededStudent survey –10 reword to indicate actively participated in some form of community service this year (actually question in #9). Window open until March 31. Middle school students will complete the survey through their social studies classes. Elementary will complete them through their Technology class.Good of the Group and Future AgendaThe question was asked if PTO and SAC could both contribute money towards a single request? The answer was yes. Upcoming events: February 9 - Math Counts, February 17 – Robotics competition, February 24 Odyssey of the Mind.  |
| Adjournment | Denise Hodges |
| Next meeting: | February 27, 2024 - 3:30pmPOA Media Center |
| Submitted by:  | Kathy Hudson (Treasurer) |

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