

Date and Time	March 26, 2024 – 3:30pm
Place	POA Media Center
Attendance	<p>Staff: Drew Chiodo, Katie McCullough, Kathy Hudson, Jen Hughes, Millie Sierra, Tracy Hemingway (district)</p> <p>Members: Shawna Berden, Julie Dashiell, Carrie Edell, Shannone Joseph, Johanna Karlsson, Abbey Mander, Susan Moore, Zeina Spaulding, Richard Song</p> <p>Guests: Dr. Brennan Asplen, Gretchen Saunders</p>
Call to Order by	Katie McCullough
Minutes (agenda order)	<p>Budget Review Treasurer’s Report – No changes from February meeting.</p> <p>Three requests submitted for SAC money. Kathy Hudson is requesting \$876.00 from SAC funds to renew the one-year subscription to World Book Online. WBO is an online encyclopedia available for all staff, students, and families to use. This request was voted on and approved.</p> <p>Jerry Santiago requested \$2,400.00 to replace ten walkie-talkies. The thirty-three walkie-talkies we have are original to the school and this would take a step toward replacing them. There was a question about the cost, but it was explained that these are set on a closed frequency that would only work with our school. This request was voted on and approved.</p> <p>A request for \$3,956.95 was submitted for a badge scanner/doorbell for the front office. The current doorbell is inoperable and its repair and need for a badge scanner was requested out of a safety need. There was discussion with Mr. Asplen and Ms. Saunders that questioned if this could be paid for with school safety funds from the district. Mr. Asplen said he would go back to the district and present this request and for us to table this request until he had a response.</p> <p>It was confirmed that unused SAC funds do roll over to the next year.</p> <p>District Budget Presentation Dr. Brennan Asplen, Deputy Superintendent, and Gretchen Saunders, CFO, shared a slide show presentation with SAC that addressed the upcoming proposals that would appear on the ballot this fall. Both of these proposals would provide income to address the district’s capital needs and rising school operations costs.</p>

	<p>To keep up with the growing population of St. Johns County, there are currently five schools being built, with three more proposed in the following five years. A vote for the continuation of the half-cent sales tax for capital outlay would continue to fund these building needs. A proposal for an additional one mill to the property tax would help fund school operations, which would include raising the pay rate for teachers and staff. This is needed so that we can draw the best employees to our district to fill the many vacancies we currently have, and will continue to have, due to the additional new schools.</p> <p>Dr. Asplen and Ms. Saunders will send a copy of the power point they shared today to Mr. Chiodo so that he may send it on to SAC members. They are willing to meet with other community groups as we prepare for the fall election.</p> <p>Principal's Report Due to the lateness of the hour, there was no report given from Mr. Chiodo.</p>
Adjournment	Katie McCullough, 5:10pm
Next meeting:	April 30, 2024 - 3:30pm POA Media Center
Submitted by:	Kathy Hudson (Treasurer)