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| Date and Time | October 29, 2024 – 3:30pm |
| Place | POA Media Center |
| Attendance | Staff: Drew Chiodo, Denise Hodges, Kathy Hudson, Members: Carrie Edell, Julie Dashiell, Johanna Karlsson, Shannone Joseph, Zeina Spaulding, Shawna Berden, Richard Song |
| Call to Order by | Denise Hodges |
| Minutes (agenda order) | The meeting was called to order by Denise Hodges. The minutes from the September meeting were approved. The SAC by-laws were also approved.Two required power points concerning the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and SAC funding were presented. Our SIP for the current year was sent in prior to Labor Day. School goals for this year are the same as last but with increased percentages of gains for each category. The treasurer’s report was presented by Kathy Hudson. The current SAC balance is $6,873.38. Our funding for the current school year has not yet been received. A request was turned in by Tami Williams, the music enrichment teacher for elementary grades. She is asking for funds to cover a conference in Tampa. Total funds required are $1,573.63 to cover her conference costs. Ms. Williams did apply for a state grant to pay for her registration but was not awarded it this year. The request was voted on and approved by SAC.The question was raised, how do other schools spend their SAC money? If we could look into this, we might find new and effective ways to use the money. Money can be used for tutoring and teacher workshops/conferences. We need to be cautious when considering using money for technology since apps and online programs must be approved by the county. POA currently has more technology (iPads/laptops) than any other K-8. Principal Chiodo shared information about hurricane make-up days. The final plan is waiting on a vote, but the most likely make-up days will be turning November 11 into a regular school day and by adding an hour to the Wednesday school days beginning November 13 for ten weeks.The PTA’s Chargerthon raised $57,000 – the highest amount ever raised. The middle school PBIS program has begun. This is a reward program for students that allows students to spend earned points for good character and responsible behavior on experiences and items. The WEB leadership class is working on this program, helping decisions to be made on what types of rewards students would like to see.The first round of progress monitoring has been completed. 35% of students are reading at grade level which is quite a feat for the first nine-weeks of school. Upcoming events include the Halloween parade for elementary grades, a first-grade Veterans Day program (with a performance by the middle school chorus), and a kindergarten winter program. (The speaker system is set to be replaced soon in the cafeteria.)Katie Bender from HUGS shared with the committee the group’s work in meeting emergency food and clothing needs for St. Johns County students. This all-volunteer group stocks food pantries in seventeen schools and puts together bags of clothing and filled backpacks for students in need. Many high school HUGS clubs sponsor clothing and food drives to stock the warehouse. Toiletries are a year-round need. HUGS has an Amazon wish list and accepts donations at a drop-off location. Adult volunteers can help with packing the goods shipped to schools. POA will consider how we can support this important ministry.The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.  |
| Adjournment | Denise Hodges |
| Next meeting: | December 17, 2024 |
| Submitted by:  | Kathy Hudson (Treasurer) |