

The School District of Osceola County, Florida

Celebration K-8 School

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School Advisory Council Meeting

Attendance: October 10, 2011

Parents: Andrea Andrews, Leah Carius, Shayna Jackson, Vanessa Winter, Heather Murphy, Ira Murphy, Andra Oshman, Colleen Schmidt, Rebecca Newman, Al Arce, and Nirmala Jessica Atkinson

Staff: Mrs. Clayton and Mr. Ballone

Guests: Jay Wheeler

Welcome and Call to Order: Leah Carius

- Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Review of Minutes and Quorum: Vanessa Winter

- September minutes were approved
- 13/22 SAC members present at meeting for Quorum.

Safety Report – given by Mrs. Clayton on behalf of Deputy Chaney

- All students 16 and under must wear their bike helmets when riding their bikes to school. It is the law and they can be sighted with a ticket!!
- A lightning strike on Friday, October 7, 2011 around lunch time. The fire was started in the preserve area between the school and gym. The fire department responded and put out the fire with the assistance of the rain. An IRIS call went out Friday at 4:30 to alert parents.
- Lightning activity is monitored within an 8 mile radius and a phone alert is sent to the appropriate staff to ensure the safety of all students
- Dismissal at the gym has become more streamlined and safer for the students.

Principal's Update: Mrs. Clayton

- As a result of the new class size laws, K was beyond the maximum of 18 students and a new class was created for K. Because of the demand, the class is comprised of K students already reading. 2nd and 5th grade are close to needing new classes, but will remain on hold to evaluate the need. Specials classes are being reworked to accommodate the large number of students.
- Open House will be restructured to include the students. Fall Great Expectations Grade Expectations will be October 26 will include PTA Fall festival k-8 will have staggered times K-5: 5pm-6pm and 6-8 grade 6:15-7:30 and will have time to go to each class. The open house will discuss the PIV and AR test process
- FIT (Families in transition) have been receiving help from the local churches, Celebration Foundation, and Kathleen Sipio has created the spirit closet which includes uniform shoes, shirts, pants and personal items. Although it was created for FIT, all students have access and are encouraged to trade in uniforms as the student grows throughout the year – a great cloths recycling opportunity! They are still in need of packaged socks and underwear, laundry detergent and personal items- toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant etc.
- Blue Ribbon Schools is coming around November 7
- Tech update: in process of unpacking 16 new laptops, 16 new desktops, 3 smart boards, 5 document cameras (ELMOs), and 2 printers for prides 4 and 5. Still need 11 more smart boards to complete entire school. Phone system is completely updated. Mr. Santiago is now a resource to all teachers for integrating technology in the classroom.
- A+ money has not found a funding source yet.
- Items addressed in open forum last week: State flag has been removed, but not replaced yet, "510" to be placed on the building is being handled, and Leah Carius and Mrs. Clayton will meet to discuss the visitors sign to be posted at the middle school entrance.

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Student Enrichment Program Update: Mr. Ballone

- Enrichment returns in November. They will be held at the end of the day on Friday. Parent volunteers are still needed. Need help for IND kids so they can participate.
- Ballots for students' requests will be handed out before the end of the quarter. 20-25 different options for students to choose from and will have different enrichment for Fall and Spring sessions.

Budget Report: Leah Carius

- Budget request for \$157 for Middle School Math and Science DVD. They are non-consumable and in line with SIP technical plan to enhance the core curriculum. Motioned to approve by Shayna Jackson, 2nd By Colleen Schmidt, all in favor.
- Current balance is \$7,952.47
- All Budget requests due by the 1st Monday of every month.
- Mrs. Clayton – All recurring programs have been funded. However, KidsCollege is still looking for funding.

SAC mini conference update– Leah Carius, Heather Murphy and Ira Murphy

- Because of decreased funding and the desire of the district to maintain all student programs, the cost cutting is at the district level. Currently, \$2 million has been cut from the district budget, the goal is \$3 million. It was determined if these cuts were not made, because of the decrease in property values and decrease in tax base, the district would have been bankrupt in 22 months.
- District is looking for Grants
- Walking School Bus uses parents as volunteers so kids can safely walk to school in groups and with an adult
- All- Pro Dads (i-Moms) is a new program to improve parent and student involvement (Currently a PTA program)
- SAC Requirements: 1) Must meet the school demographics. In order to improve our demographics, we must document a recruitment plan. 2) 80% of SAC member retention works toward the A+ award. 3) 9 meetings per school year. 4) February school surveys go out to parent and students. We can use an out of uniform pass for an incentive

Open Forum

- Jay Wheeler – School Board member: Thank you for volunteering to help the school. Great financial challenges due to the decreased property values. 2008 – taxable property values were \$27 Billion, but in 2011 - \$17 Billion. Decreased tax revenue means decreased funding. However, the cuts have been coming at the district level instead of the school level.
- Still working on school website, but received permission to revamp.
- Lego Robotics for after school was suggested
- Still looking for grants

Motion to adjourn by Andra Oshman, 2nd by Colleen Schmidt at 6:45.

Next meeting Monday, November 14 at 5pm in the Great Hall