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### SAC Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

#### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Ericka Scheid @3:36p.m.
- Members present: Sarah Courtney, Karen Diaz, Mary Anne Dunn, Sarah Gal, Martina Herndon, Jenn Mandelion Chrisman, Betty Mittleman, Dawn Salmons, Ericka Scheid, Melonie Sexton, Kristen Tame,
- Members absent: Annmarie Cherolini, Britt Despenza, Andrella Hurley, Kristy Walson

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions

- Ms. Scheid welcomed all in attendance.

#### 3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Add present members and bylaws will be addressed at future meeting
- Ms. Herndon motioned to accept September meeting with revisions. Dr. Sexton 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 4. Old Business

##### • Clubs

- OGA is offering 29 clubs this semester. Students were able to pick up to two clubs. Unfortunately, there were not enough club spots for all students to get their first choice. The clubs most in demand were Chess Club, SECME, and Florida Lego League.
- Ms. Salmons asked if parents could volunteer with clubs so more students could join. Ms. Scheid stated as long as parents were approved ADDitions volunteers, they could assist. She also shared that only two parents were interested in volunteering with clubs after Ms. Despenza's ConnectOrange message. OGA is looking into outside organizations offering clubs on campus 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Girls Scouts is also interested in having a troop at OGA. They will provide a leader, funded through a grant.
- Ms. Salmons asked for clarification on the enrichment block. Ms. Hale explained that teachers provide enrichment through project based learning and problem based learning. Ms. Scheid explained that intervention replaces this enrichment block for some students. This limits how schoolwide clusters could be run as had occurred a couple of years ago.

#### 5. New Business

##### • Election of Officers for 2021-2022 school year

- SAC Roster is due October 31, 2021
- Those interested in chair: Melonie Sexton & Dawn Salmons
- Those interested in vice-chair: no one responded. Ms. Chrisman asked Ms. Sexton and Ms. Salmons if they would be okay with being vice-chair if they did not get chair. Both said yes.

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- Those interested in secretary: Ericka Scheid
- Ms. Sexton and Ms. Salmons shared why they wanted the position of Chair. Voting members voted. 7 votes for Ms. Sexton. 4 votes for Ms. Salmons.
- Ms. Christmas motioned to accept Ms. Sexton as Chair. Mrs. Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ms. Tame motioned to accept Ms. Salmons as Vice-Chair. Ms. Herndon 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ms. Sexton motioned to accept Ms. Scheid as Secretary. Ms. Herndon 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Principal's Report**
  - Ms. Despenza is off campus at a principal's meeting. Ms. Scheid and Ms. Hale shared information on her behalf.
    - New Staff: Ms. Jones is the new front office clerk.
    - Multicultural Night will be split into two different nights: November 11 for elementary and November 18 for middle school.
    - Teach-In: Ms. Brown and Ms. Lineberry are coordinating Teach-In this year. Anyone interested should sign up through ADDitions.
    - Bylaws: SAC bylaws are available on the school website. Ms. Scheid will also email voting members a copy for easy access. Bylaws will be reviewed at the November meeting.

### 6. SAC Meeting Dates

- November 18 @4:30p
- January 27
- February 24
- April TBD
- May TBD

### 7. Important Dates

- October 14- October 17 – Virtual Family Math Night
- October 19 – Report Cards distributed and published to Family Access
- October 21 – Middle School Mental Health Training
- October 25 – Middle School Character Lab
- October 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- November 6 – OGA PTA Beautification Day (Middle School)
- November 11 – Elementary School Multicultural Night
- November 16 - Middle School Mental Health Training
- November 18 – Teach-In / SAC Meeting / Middle School Multicultural Night
- November 19 – PE w/ Martial Arts World (elementary)
- November 22-26 – Thanksgiving Break

### 8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:21p (Ms. Herndon motioned and Ms. Courtney 2<sup>nd</sup>).

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