

Orlando Gifted Academy  
SAC Minutes  
December 17, 2020

1. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum (51% of members)
  - a. Approx. 3:45pm meeting was called to order and quorum was established

In attendance: Jennifer Vose, Jeremy Siegel, Jenn Mandelion Christmas, Martha McCormick-Watson, Melonie Sexton, Jamie Valentine Miller, Melissa Vaughan, Annmarie Cherolini, Ericka Scheid, Britt Despenza

Excused Absences was Raegan Smythe, Sarah Courtney  
Unexcused:

Jennifer Vose moved to amend the agenda to include a space for public comment after SAC New Business to allow anyone in attendance an opportunity to speak if they wish to do so. Motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and approved.

2. Old Business
  - a. We reviewed the bylaws as they had been voted on in the previous meeting. The SAC reaffirmed the bylaws as written.
  - b. Climate survey results were moved to the Principal's report
3. Principal's Report
  - a. Principal Despenza provided the SAC membership with a description and overview of school funding for the current school year 2020-21. Budget was based on a prediction of approximately 315 students. As of December SAC meeting, there was a total of 278 students enrolled. Since the pandemic, 27 students withdrew to OCVS, FLVS, home education, or home school.
  - b. A list of instructional and administrative staff, and approximate funds necessary to hire a single instructional position was shared. Because of limited funding due to reduction in enrollment, it has been important to find creative ways of using support staff to help in classrooms when substitutes are needed.
    - i. One of the biggest requests/needs on campus was for PE; Coach Blount was hired at a para level to supplement the work of Ms. Sharpe to provide support as Ms. Sharpe manages both F2F and Launched students.
  - c. Funding sources that SAC oversees are Funds 145 and 211. School Improvement Funds with a balance of \$873.20 and the School Recognition Funds with a \$16.40 balance.
    - i. How do we receive these funds? These funds are based on comparing testing data between years. Due to covid last school year, students that

will be used to determine if learning gains have occurred are 5<sup>th</sup> grade (compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), 6<sup>th</sup> grade compared to their 4<sup>th</sup> grade year, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade compared to their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year.

- ii. Ms. Hale reports that when comparing the cohorts' math results between the school years, OGA is not seeing any slide or fallout from schools being virtual/shutdown in the spring.
  - iii. Comparisons of aggregate iReady data was passed out on Handout.
- d. Ms. Despenza reviewed the survey results from our OGA Climate Survey.
- i. 46 responses, LaunchED 26 and F2F 20.
  - ii. Each question was broken down into the % answers.
  - iii. Aggregated survey results were available via handout. A copy was asked to be posted online.
  - iv. Requests by SAC membership to see the survey results broken out by two demographic groups of LaunchED vs. Face2Face for questions where congruence in the answers did not exist. Ms. Despenza agreed to have staff look at these questions more deeply and update us on their findings.
- e. OCPS Annual Stakeholder Survey was upcoming
- i. These surveys are separate from our internal survey conducted
    - 1. Family survey availability from 1/14 – 3/12
    - 2. Student survey availability from 1/14 – 2/19
- f. All students, including LaunchED, will need to return to campus to take EOC and FSA exams. All other assessments are able to be conducted online.
- g. NEHS/NJHS – There was some discussion brought up about the requirement of 3.5 grade point average. While each school has the ability to set its own requirements, 3.5 was agreed on for OGA students per the Faculty Council in the 2018-2019 school year. Some schools have higher GPA requirements.
- h. Ms. Despenza stated as we move forward to remember that we are a gifted school of not just academics, but looking at the whole child and therefore electives and other extracurriculars.
4. Public Comment
- a. Opportunity was provided for Public comment
5. After closing the public comment period, we reviewed the upcoming dates. \_\_\_\_\_ moved to adjourn the meeting and Melissa V seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting closed at ~5:15 pm.