

SAC Members Present

Tracie Casserly
Niti Chhabra
Alyce Culpepper
Christine Henschel
Nereida Miller
Abraham Ng
Marsha Samuels

SAC Guests Present:

Cindy O'Brien
Daneen Brown

Ms. Casserly called the SAC meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the SPS Media Center. The February SAC meeting minutes were disseminated. Ms. Casserly moved that we approve the February SAC minutes. Ms. Chhabra seconded the motion. All were in favor; the February minutes were approved.

Ms. Casserly gave an update on the balance in the SAC Accountability Fund. The current balance is \$39,918.71.

Mr. Marino presented a request for SAC Accountability Funds in the amount of \$3,898.13 to renew our account with HERO for next school year. HERO is the program that keeps track of tardies and absences. Mr. Marino shared that tardies have decreased from 1,100 in September to 705 in December since we started using HERO. There was not a quorum present at this meeting, so this request was tabled until the April SAC meeting.

Ms. Casserly and Ms. Henschel gave an update on our school improvement plan.

Ms. Casserly shared our school's evaluation data for the continuation waiver for Professional Study Days, as well as the process for faculty to vote on this waiver.

There were three nominations for SAC Employee of the Month:

1. Nominated by Mr. Marino: I would like to nominate Marie Sannon to be the SAC Employee of the Month. Mrs. Sannon comes in every day and gives 100% to the ESOL students. She helps them read, write and speak in English. She helps them prepare for standardized tests like the FSA, SAT and ACT. Mrs. Sannon also leads the after school ESOL tutoring program, which helps 20+ students improve their literacy skills.
2. Nominated by Ms. Palomino: Patrick Goodrich - Patrick is one of our newer faculty members who has taken on the responsibility of DECA Advisor. He is doing a phenomenal job, as indicated by the large amount of success stories that our DECA students are experiencing. There is no better person who could have taken over this huge undertaking and done it with the ease and level of excellence that Mr. Goodrich has.
3. Nominated by Dr. Culpepper: I would like to nominate Jennifer Collins for the SAC Teacher of the Month. Not only is she a Paladin graduate, but also she has built the Sign Language program at SPS to be one of the best in the state and maybe the nation by working with the interpreters and drama director to involve DHH students in all aspects of the school. And there is more. Her work with the Student Government students is beyond belief as they remind everyone daily on Facebook and other media about Paladin activities and opportunities for community service including the Kiwanis and Honor Flight for veterans, special weeks and months and everything in between... Pinwheels for Peace, Red Ribbon, Black History, Remembrances, etc... and I cannot possibly know everything but the SAC parents and teachers do. She continues to find ways to fund her program, volunteer efforts, teacher recognition, etc. because we all know district funds are never there. Her recent family concerns have affected her entire family, but she

continues to have a positive attitude and always strives to be hopeful for the future. I do not know how she does it but she has a loving family and our grateful appreciation.

SAC voted to name Mr. Goodrich the March SAC Employee of the Month.

In new business, Ms. Henschel spoke about the \$100,000 discretionary funds from the SMART bond. The quotes for possible school projects to fund with this money are still not ready. She hopes they will be ready by the April meeting. Separate from these discretionary funds, SMART bond money has already been slated to update our media center. The production room of the media center will become a computer lab.

Dr. Culpepper asked if our classrooms all have hand sanitizer in them. Ms. Henschel stated that she is trying to purchase hand sanitizer for our school and there is none available right now. She will keep trying to find some to purchase.

The SAC meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.