

SAC Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2018

- Title I- still at 53%, SMS Admin spoke at Keterlinus SAC, and will speak with Crookshank SAC next week. Elementary Schools in SJCSd have been going to Nassau county to see how they work with Title I differently - so we can learn from their work, and implement in SJCSd.
- Principal's Report- A Hole in the Wall
https://www.ted.com/talks/sugata_mitra_shows_how_kids_teach_themselves?language=en&utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare
 - Kids can learn anything if there is interest.- please watch the rest of this talk, it is worth your time- and is the reason why we STEAM and Inquiry Hour.
- Super Saturday:
 - October 27th 8:30AM-11:30AM-
 - Cooking and Math Small Group Instruction - at risk students
- Inquiry / Eagle Hour Update - updates on clubs and Inquiry Hour- showcase is Dec 13 at SMS
- VEX / Robotics Team, and Girls in STEAM events - SMS participated, did well- and it adds to the conversation-
- Update on Formative / Summative Assessment - SJCSd does not have a retest mandate. We are working on a solid policy- that is fair, consistent and school wide.
- Parent Book Study: "The Parents We Mean to Be" by Richard Weissbourd
 - [November 8, 15, 29, 5:30PM-6:30PM @ Grower's Alliance](#)- let us know if you want a copy of the book. It is unnecessary to read the book in advance. Contact Heather.Hagy@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us if you would like a copy.

- Update on testing schedule for Semester- Mr. Hodges joined us to inform on the differences this year. Midterms and other testing dates will be published on the website and in the newsletter, and shared in Schoology once the dates are finalized.
- Kelvin Pruitt & Leslie Allen introduce topic for workshop “[Middle Schoolers...Staying Ahead of Your Students Development](#)” Nov 27, 6-7pm - Mentalife if hosting- and believing in taking a positive and proactive approach to mental wellness. This workshop will offer insight and tools for maintaining mental health- and the middle school years are a key time to stay involved with your students’ mental development. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Time is allotted for question and answer session.

SMS Media Center Advisory Board needs members! It only meets if a book is challenged. Contact Rowena.Barnard@stjohns.k12.fl.us if you have interest.

- [All SAC members should mark their calendars to attend an SMS faculty/staff meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 1:30 – 2:30 pm for a session on “Collaborative Partnering and Shared Decision-Making.”](#) This is a 5-Star Requirement – see below:

Training provided for staff and SAC members on collaborative partnering and shared decision-making. Training should focus on the need for staff and SAC to work together for the benefit of the students in the school. Although this training can be provided separately to staff and SAC members, it would be most beneficial to train when representatives from both are present. This will allow for implementation ideas to be shared together.

*Parent Comments/ Concerns-Zombie Run about 100 attended. Kids walked/ran 2 miles- Event was enjoyed by all. SMS would like to make this an annual event.

Ms. Dodson, environmental engineer, wants to help improve what we recycle, and how much we can recycle. She is also interested in installing a water filling station- in partnership with Green Hands and the Amphitheater. PTO offered to help, and brought up the idea of seeking new business partners to help sponsor SMs in this venture. This discussion will continue as more information unfolds.

Closing and Thank you!

Meeting closed at 3:30pm