

Sebastian Middle School
SAC Meeting, November 5th, 2024
2:15 Mrs. DeAcutis's Room in 580

Member Name (SJCSD Employees)	Present? YES/NO	Member Name (Non-district Employees)	Present? YES/NO
Kirstie Gabaldon (Principal)	Yes	Francis Arflin (Parent)	Yes
Susan DeAcutis (SAC Chair)	Yes	Jackie McSwain (Parent)	No
(SAC Co-Chair)	N/A	Noelle Wendler (Parent)	No
Heather Dempsey (Support Staff)	Yes	Janie Koike (Parent)	Yes
(District Buddy)*	No	Brittany Cole (Parent)	Yes via Phone
		(Community Member)	No
*Non-voting member		Quorum Reached: YES or NO	

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. New Members?
3. Accept Minutes from last meeting
4. Principal's update
5. Budget Review
6. Power Point from district
7. Francine Kirby Ally funds request
 - a. ELA Resource
8. Chad Razey funds request
 - a. PE Conference
9. Frankie Portales funds requests
 - a. Career Fair need businesses
 - b. Jacksonville Icemen request
10. Closing
11. Next Meeting – December 3rd

Minutes from November 5th for approval

Start Time 2:17

Room A-580

At 2:29 Ms. DeAcutis declared we had reached a quorum, and the meeting was called to order.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Voting members motioned into SAC:

-to approve notes from last month's SAC meeting (Ms. Koike motioned, Ms. Arflin seconded, and all said yea); and

-to vote Brittany Cole in as a new member (Ms. Koike motioned, Ms. Arflin seconded, and all said yea)

2. Principal's Update:

-SAC's 2 goals for this year are to: close the gap for children with disabilities; and to increase 8th grade science scores

-In order to achieve these goals, teams have been working with Mr. Portelos to implement a 3-year coding program using middle school digital tools to improve performance

-Common Summative Assessments are great indicators of standard kids' progress, and they also allow data to be compared to the rest of the district

-Based on the scores from Common Summative Assessments, our school has met or scored above the district average

-Information has been released and relayed to families regarding making up instructional days due to hurricanes

-November is Family Engagement Month and a weekly update calendar was made available by Ms. Gabaldon

-Character Chats and Character Counts continue

-The art department is participating in an anti-bullying competition for students

3. Budget Update

-SAC has \$9,315.21

4. PowerPoint from District

-School Improvement Plan goals are to better serve students with disabilities by offering opportunities for more advanced classes and improving science scores across all grade levels. These goals are based on research-based data.

-Our School Improvement Plan is the driving force for the decisions made and its impact within SAC

-SIP impacts SAC

-All funds requested must relate to the goals

5. Funds Requests

Kirby-Allie

Ms. Kirby-Allie, ELA and Intensive Reading Teacher, requested \$36 for Volumes 1 and II of a Greek and Latin ROOT Words Bundle through Teacher-Pay-Teacher. This is a curriculum package to help close the gap for the CSA to improve students' vocabulary. This resource helps students break down words by looking at prefixes, root words, word origins, analogies, word meanings, antonyms, synonyms and context words. This can be a collective resource to be used by all ELA teachers and paid for just once. Ms. Kirby-Allie plans to use it in rotations and centers for independent study. It has been vetted by Ms. Houston from our district ELA office.

-Ms. Koike motioned to approve funds of \$36, Ms. DeAcutis seconded the motion, all members voted "Yea".

Chad Razey

Coach Razey, PE teacher, requested \$761.32 to attend the Share the Wealth Conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia. This money will cover the cost of lodging, dining, travel, and conference registration fees. This is a conference for physical education teachers to learn new methods and share ideas to inspire students to be more active and engaged. Coach Razey explained that the mind and body are connected, and physically active students perform better academically. Coach's goal is to keep kids active, learning and moving, and to close the achievement gap by stimulating brain and body so students are ready to learn. Coach will be able to present ideas learned from this conference to his PLC in our school and throughout the county. Some courses offered at the conference will focus on working with students with disabilities, and ideas incorporating STEAM will be presented.

-Motion to approve was made by Ms. Koike, motion was seconded by Ms. Arflin, and all members voted "Yea".

6. Parental Concerns

-Ms. Arflin met with the assistant superintendent concerning school safety issues and creating opportunities for improving communication. She suggested that we ask the assistant superintendent to come talk to our school about safety issues. Ms. Gabaldon agreed that he could possibly attend a SAC or PTO meeting. She also stated that we are getting better and quicker at disseminating necessary information and she continues to have ongoing discussions at principal meetings regarding school safety measures. The laws in place don't allow for specific information to be released to the public and school administrators must follow the laws and not interfere with or impede police investigations. Our school continues to work toward keeping everyone safe with such measures as: always having a Deputy on campus, Character Chats, our vestibule, rewarding positive behavior, following District rules, and working with the police. Ms. Gabaldon reassured us that safety issues and working with the police to be clear while using the proper, legal wording in all communications are topics covered at the principals' monthly meetings. New communication is coming to teach families how to use Fortify Florida. Parents requested that we further explore how to eliminate the circulation of rumors and look at options to deescalate reactions to false information. It was suggested that a meeting take place to help parents learn the laws, practices in the district, and how to talk to their children about safety issues.

7. Closing

-Ms. DeAcutis made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Dempsey. All replied "Yea".

Next Meeting: 12/3/24

Meeting ended at 3:15