

**Plantation Key School
SAC Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019
5:30 pm | PKS Library**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Introductions/Attendance: Shirley Wilson, Lisa Taylor, Sue Woltanski, Maida Court, Carrie Tudor, Lauren Dunn, Janine Gregg, Anita Toth, Alexa Ward, Luz Palacio-Machado, Kim Lowell, Peggie, Dave Stark

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dave Stark made a motion to approve the minutes. Lauren Dunn seconded and motion passed.

Teacher Report: It was reported that we were allocated another EL teacher from the Oct 7th count. It will be a Bi-lingual support teacher.

The laminator SAC helped purchase is still on the way and a poster maker on the way. We were able to get a really good deal on it. Biltmore left us their poster maker so we have been using that in the meantime.

Because we were an A School we received a School Recognition Award. The teachers vote on how the money is shared -- \$52000 total. Each teacher should get about \$600 (\$900 before taxes) plus paraprofessionals, staffing specialists, nurses and SAC and daycare and cafeteria workers. Teachers chose the option that gives paraprofessionals 25%.

Shirley made a motion for SAC to also approve Option 3 to give full-share amount to teachers, admin. Peggie Fabel seconded and motion was approved.

Carrie asked if the money could be distributed in gift cards so teachers don't get taxed on the money.

Principal / Vice Principal Report

SIP (School Improvement Plan): The plan is focused on giving attention on the lower 25% increasing standard achievements in Language Arts and Math and improving attendance. Really targeting the chronically truant students. Trying individual interventions and it is working.

We are close to receiving our CO and will do a formal ribbon in January.

Discussed SAC attending the Fund our Future Forum on November 16th at the PAC, 11am-1pm, as our December meeting. It is a campaign for more local control over local schools and funding

the future of our local public schools. Getting message out about our public-school funding, which the lottery was supposed to do but really hasn't. They are trying to create awareness prior to the upcoming legislative session. Advocating for local control of the funding. 90% of our funding comes from our county but our control doesn't.

We discussed the traffic back up in the morning and possible solutions. Encourage parents to come early or put students on the bus. If going north go down to Royal Poinciana.

New Business

Changes proposed to high school graduation honors/recognition (Cum laude vs Valedictorian/Salutatorian) – School Board Member Sue Woltanski was in attendance to explain the issue. Sue explained the school recognition program. There is a proposal to replace the current plan. The idea is that the way the classes are weighted now the formula and can make it so that certain classes will hurt you and you and mathematically you can't be valedictorian. Students end up not following their passions and only take AP classes if they are in the hunt for Val/Sal. They also take dual enrollment classes and virtual school classes to get extra points. The school board has been taking comment on this. Sue would love to see us find a way to recognize well rounded other outstanding achievements/ special gifted kids and more diversity. Current system disincentivizes well-rounded kids. There is a board workshop next week at Marathon on November 19th. Decision will be made in December.

Next Meeting Date: Decision was made to have the Nov. 16th Fund our Future Forum be our next meeting as many SAC members and teachers plan to attend.

Dave Stark made a motion to adjourn. Maida Court seconded and meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.