

SAC Minutes: April 11, 2024

#### I. SAC Meeting

- a. Motion to call to order by Kelly Neel, seconded by Christie Francis
- b. In attendance: Julie Haynes, Megan Malicoat, Danielle Lo Pinto, Christie Francis, Kelly Neel, and Jennifer Monk
- c. Minutes recorded by Jennifer Monk
- d. Welcome Guests: Tony Coleman from the school board, Ms. Eaton music teacher

#### II. Review/Approve Notes

- a. Approved March 2024 notes. Christie Francis made a motion to approve, and Danielle LoPinto seconded the motion.

#### III. Old Business

- a. SAC Survey Results-Review
  - a. Initially reviewed in last meeting but full results were not available last month
  - b. 81 out of 130 teachers (62%) completed the survey
  - c. 311 parents completed the survey; unknown how many families this represents, do not know if both parents completed the survey or how many children are represented by these 311 responses
  - d. Previous years results were not available for comparison; requested to have for the next meeting
  - e. Several district questions asked about students taking initiative in the community, participating in volunteer activities; these questions seem more appropriate for a middle school or high school; would like to see District questions tailored to the type of school (e.g. Elementary vs Middle vs high school)
  - f. In faculty survey, discussed 47% of respondents said sometimes/never to the question about opportunity for professional development to teach with technology – Assistant Principle Maynes explained that this is not an area of focus for the school
  - g. In parent survey – 84% of respondents said they frequently feel welcome at the school; 87% said they receive good frequent communication
  - h. Question presented: How does the points system work? Does Wards Creek look “less” because several questions don’t apply to elementary school
  - i. Note for next year’s survey: add comments section after each question and make answer choices match between district question and SAC provided questions.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Finance Report- SAC has \$2,286.88 funds for School Recognition and separate line item of \$1,150.64; need to better understand what the second number is for
- b. Proposal requesting fund from Ms. Eaton
  - a. Ms. Eaton would like to attend a 2 week summer workshop hosted locally by ORFF to obtain her level 3 certification
  - b. This training certification is very student centered, hands-on; all about the students

- c. Ms. Eaton attended certification level 2 two years ago and has used that training to create curriculum for every student in the school as she teaches every grade level
- d. Request is \$800 for early registration; price increases at end of the month
- e. Kelly Neel motioned to approve, motion carried with all in favor and no oppose
- c. Proposal from Mrs. Haynes, Assistant Principal
  - a. Mrs. Haynes requested \$600 to take 8 teachers to attend a 3 day writers workshop at UNF over the summer
  - b. The 8 individuals will be returning teachers: 1 from each grade level, ILT Robby Hagan, and one of the assistant principals
  - c. Writing is an area where teachers struggle
  - d. Training content aligns to ELA best standards which are aligned to our curriculum
  - e. Teachers who attend will share their learnings with their peers
  - f. Jennifer Monk motioned to approve, motion carried with all in favor and no oppose
- d. SAC Member Survey: All members were requested to complete the SAC Survey
- e. School Recognition Funds plan for 2023-2024 School Grades
  - a. Discussed terminology and definition of still here and gone – does not include retired individuals
  - b. We as SAC have the opportunity to change any options and have as many options as we see fit
  - c. Discussion tabled; will discuss and vote in the next meeting
- f. Self Audit/Eval Form – SAC chair will complete
- g. Vote on SAC Chairperson for 24-25 school year
  - a. Kelly Neel volunteered to remain SAC Chair, running unopposed
  - b. Christie Francis motioned to re-elect Kelly Neel as SAC Chair
  - c. Motioned was seconded by Jennifer Monk and approved
- h. SAC Ballot 24-25 school year-Review 23-24 current ballot (make any changes?)
- i. Interims April 25th

#### V. Assistant Principal Update

- a. Sun shades are up in the courtyard
- b. Kevin is recovering, doing well, looking forward to returning
- c. On Monday, the day of the solar eclipse, 600 students did not go to school; 400 students checked out early

#### VI. PTO Update

- a. McTeacher night turned out really well
- b. Fun Run was really fun- next year it will be in the Fall as the main fundraiser for PTO
- c. PTO is considering different event ideas, will likely not do buddy-a-thon because have done it for the past 3 years
- d. PTO received negative feedback about the mother/son event, especially after how awesome the daddy/daughter event was
- e. General PTO board meeting had approx.. 20 attendees; considering possibly having quarterly general meetings next year; idea shared to possibly have kids perform to draw attendance

- f. Feedback provided to PTO from SAC member: feels like parents are being asked for money at every turn; parents don't want kids left out but hard to balance everything, especially for families with multiple kids
- g. Idea shared: at beginning of year have an annual expense for all of the special grams, ice pops, etc.
- h. Spring Fling and Art Show coming up soon
- i. May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week
- j. May 22 is Color War – more details to come

VII. Any Questions/Concerns – none

VIII. Last Meeting: Thursday May 9, 2024 at 3:30pm

IX. Adjourn- Motion by Jennifer Monk to adjourn at 4:47pm, seconded by Danielle LoPinto