

Pacetti Bay Middle School SAC Meeting

January 8, 2015

Attendance: Jay Willets, Cynthia Dean, Lisa Fink, Donna Frank, Chris MacEwan, Lyn Repsher, Jennifer McCrary, Allison Birbal, Emily Poague, Laura Weston; Marie Antoine, Dion James, Dion James, Jr.

- Meeting was called to order by Lisa Fink at 2:05 pm
Ms. Fink notified the committee that Ms. Morales would be joining the SAC group.
- *Financial Update: Presented by Cynthia Dean*
There are currently no SAC funds.
- *FSA Writing: Presented by Marie Antoine*
Beginning in March, there will be a new academic writing assessment for grades 6-8. This new assessment includes longer prompts and multi-paragraph essays. Ms. Antoine distributed an informative/explanatory prompt for the committee to review.
All subjects will be expected to use the following: Wildcat Writing Non-negotiables, SRES – Statement, Reason, Evidence, and Summation, and ESE Accommodations. Type 2 Learn is also available.
- *Needs Assessment Survey: Presented by Lisa Fink*
The Needs Assessment survey helps to drive our School Improvement Plan in the Fall. This survey is extremely important to the school as it is based on academics, communication, safety, etc. The survey is open February 6-15. A paper-based survey will be attached to each student interim to be distributed on Friday, February 6. A scan code is also available for smart phones for convenience. Students whose parents complete the survey will receive an ice cream reward.
- *New Clubs*
Odyssey of the Mind club is led by Allison Birbal. Several students representing the club were in attendance. Students were given a task of building a rope using a box of supplies given to them. They had no idea the task that was being asked of them nor did they know what was in the box. Students had five minutes to complete the task and were judged on creativity and teamwork. The Odyssey of the Mind team will represent Pacetti Bay on March 7 at the regional competition.

Be the Change club is led by Laura Weston. The club was inspired by students and promotes a safe and positive learning environment. The students chose a Gandhi quote as their mission statement: “Be the change you wish to see in the World”. The month of October was National Bullying Awareness month. October 22 was Unity Day and students across the county were asked to wear orange in honor of this day. Pacetti Bay had 570 out of 1052 students participate and 48% of all St. Johns County middle schools participated. Project Connect was also held in October. Students pledged against bullying and all pledges were joined together to create a long orange pledge chain that was displayed in the main hallway.

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Society of Sisters club is for girls only and is led by Emily Poague. The club was created to empower girls of all ages and encourage them to realize that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Several community service projects are already in place and include the following: Inspirational Post-Its (displayed in 6-8 grade hallways), Holiday Cards for Soldiers, and Shoeboxes for Soldiers.

- Good News: Presented by Mr. Willets
PTSO held a holiday luncheon for faculty and staff that included an Olive Garden catered lunch. The Washington DC trip is scheduled for January 11-16 with 214 eighth graders attending. This is our largest group. Our current enrollment is up to 1,109. Basketball season is underway. Proctors are needed for upcoming assessments in February – May. If anyone is interested in proctoring, please contact Ms. Ponce, Guidance Secretary. The Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year will be recognized in February.
- Other News:
Mr. Rankin is leaving Pacetti Bay. This is a huge loss to Pacetti Bay's music program. He will be missed!
- Next Meeting Dates:
The next SAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:05 pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm by Lisa Fink.