

Pacetti Bay Middle School SAC Meeting

October 3, 2013

Attendance: Stacy Giangaspro, Lisa Fink, Kelly Jacobson, Sue Sparkman, Karin Gowens, Alyssa Gowens, Donna Frank, Michele Dosio, Vicki Padgett, Terry Padgett, Dana Murray, Sarah Brown, Traci Hemingway Tim Klein, Kate Houston, and Christine Reidy.

- *Meeting was called to order by Stacy Giangaspro at 2:10 pm*
- *Financial Update: Presented by Lisa Fink*
The current balance is \$0.
- *Vote on SAC Bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order: Presented by Stacy Giangaspro*
The SAC Bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order were both unanimously approved by those present and adopted for use during the 2013-14 school year.
- *Common Core: Where are we now?: Presented by Traci Hemingway*
Common Core standards require the teachers to go behind the learning to engage the students and help them improve their higher level thinking skills. Students can expect more writing in all classes. Assessments will be 80% summative and 20% formative with questions being 20% lower level, 60% moderate level, and 20% highly challenging. Teachers are working in Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs) and reviewing assessments carefully to determine if they are getting the results they expected. PBMS is communicating with the community about Common Core via the school newsletter, Edmodo and by including a Common Core Spotlight on the school website.
- *Transition from websites to Edmodo: Presented by Kate Houston*
Teacher websites are being phased out in favor of communicating via Edmodo.
- *Faculty Spotlight: DBQs with Christine Reidy*
DBQs (Document Based Questions) work well with Common Core. They make the students dig deeper by pulling out evidence and making inferences. Students are then asked to write an analytical assessment. This is great preparation for future high school and AP work.
- *Good News: Presented by Sue Sparkman*
Teachers are working in their Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs). 2C.IT, our Common Core Implementation team, is hard at work planning the next steps for our students. The Junior Thespian Club is having a food drive for "Trick or Treat so Kids

Can Eat". They've already collected about 600 lbs. of canned goods. The first 400 students who donate will receive a coupon for a free sub or dessert from Firehouse Subs. The first dance was a success with about 400 students attending. We currently have 1044 students enrolled at PBMS. Every teaching space is being utilized and we are looking into relocatables for next school year and possibly expanding the cafeteria. Starting Monday we will have a slightly modified bell schedule allowing for a mid-day locker break. We are looking at adding IB artwork throughout the building. Kelly Jacobson submitted the School Improvement Plan and it will be presented next month. Mark your calendar for Joseph Joyner's State of the Schools presentation on Monday, October 14th 6:00-7:00 pm to be held at the school district administrative building. PBMS has been named a Five Star school again and will be recognized on October 8th. The Five Star School Award is presented annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. In order to earn Five Star school recognition, a school must show documentation that it has achieved 100% of the established criteria in the categories of business partnerships, family involvement, volunteerism, student community service, and school advisory councils. Thank you to Debbie Adams and Lorrie Contreras for their hard work completing the application. The basketball season is underway and both the boys and girls teams are doing well. The teachers are hard at work, often spending several hours working together, to create the summative and formative assessments to ensure their students' common core success. Laura Teifer is heading up Unity Day which is an anti-bullying campaign to be held October 9th promoting mutual respect. To participate, the students and staff will wear orange. By grade, the homeroom with the most participation will win a donut party while the overall winning homeroom will win a pizza party.

- *Next Meeting Dates:*

The next meeting will be held on November 5th at 5:00 pm. The remaining 2013-14 SAC meetings will be held at 2:05 pm unless otherwise noted: December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd and May 6th at 5:00 pm.

- *Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm*