

# Pacetti Bay Middle School SAC Meeting

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**March 9, 2017**

**Attendance:** Lisa Fink, Stephanie Gionet, Kristine Beringer, Ava Willets, Jay Willets, Staci Farrell, Dana Goodson, Chamane Williams, Beth Stojanovic, Donna Frank, Hannah Hart, Emily Kuhn, Jennifer Cooper, Kennedy Williams

- Meeting was called to order by Stephanie Gionet at 2:30 PM

## **Finance Update**

- Zero dollars in our budget

## **Teacher Mentor Program**

- Jenny Cooper, PBMS Teacher of the Year, and head of the Mentor Program presented
- Mentoring program began out of Leadership Meeting Spring 2016
- St. Johns County is growing rapidly so we have many new teachers, whether they are new to our county or new to the teaching field.
- Leadership team wanted to create a binder with all necessary resources in one place for new teachers to reference.
- Each new teacher is paired with a mentor.
- Mentors are given a folder to help guide their mentee through their first year at Pacetti Bay.
- Mentors and Mentees also interact socially to get to know each other and help build a relationship/friendship amongst each other.
- Mentor program sends quarterly surveys to mentors and mentees to help get feedback and produce data on if the program is helping with PBMS retention.
- Mr. Willets spoke on the retention rate – a few years ago 60% retention, last year 80% retention. He wanted to focus on the mentorship program to help improve retention numbers.
  - SAC Member asked about reasons for poor retention and Mr. Willets brought up the following:
    - Commute
    - Teachers ready to transition to high school
    - School Culture
    - Curriculum Options – IBMYP Program
- SAC member asked about retention being impacted by new elementary schools. Mr. Willets spoke about how the new school does have to meet a quota of taking employees, but he feels all employees will be ok through the transition.

## **Multi-tier Classroom Settings**

- Emily Kuhn, 2<sup>nd</sup> year 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher presented.
- She found if gifted students are not challenged, they can get bored and off-task so she looked to creating a tiered classroom.
  - She gives the students a “Unit Scale and Tiered Assignment Tracker” sheet at the beginning of every unit. This breaks down the learning goals and sets clear expectations for the unit, as well as lays out the scale for the unit.

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- The students work through each level of the scale by choosing from a creative or more traditional activity.
  - Once completed they take a “Level Up” quiz. If the student reaches mastery (80% or more) they can advance to the next level of the scale.
- Ms. Kuhn passed around examples of completed student tier work.

### **Good News from Mr. Willets**

- 1390 students currently at PBMS. The projection for next year is currently 1475.
- 125 staff members now, 135 staff members projected for next year.
- PBMS will be hiring a new art teacher, who should be here after Spring Break.
- A temporary paraprofessional for the performing arts classes being hired.
- Currently 250 kids at Shamrock Dance
- Book Fair was this week
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Animal Kingdom field trip went well
- April 28<sup>th</sup> will be 7<sup>th</sup> grade Epcot field trip
- 47 kids in extended day
- Bus loop extension almost completed
  - After buses leave, the bus loop will be open for parent drop-off
- This year, one full bus has been added.
- A 4<sup>th</sup> elementary feeder will be coming soon which will increase parent traffic and bus population.
- World Golf Village area is the fastest growing in St. Johns County.
- Cafeteria expansion is about 70% complete. Expected to have access the last month of school.
  - This will allow a true 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch.
- New residency expectation coming out, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have to provide residency paperwork for high-school registration and all 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have to do the same for middle-school registration.
- Music performance appraisals this evening at Matanzas.
- 550 yearbooks sold, another order might be placed.
- Report Cards go out March 27<sup>th</sup> – will be posted online
- Out of 467 8<sup>th</sup> graders 75 students are going to schools other than Nease.
- Spring Break starts tomorrow after dismissal.
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent night was last night – good crowd.
- National Jr. Honor Society induction complete, largest class yet (127 students) – Stop Hunger Now fundraiser getting started.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> will be PBMS’ 10 year celebration
- Free seat Friday continues

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## SAC Survey Review

- Around 20% of parents have taken the SAC Survey.
- 90% or more of parents pleased with the following:
  - Technology access
  - Dismissal and morning procedures (91%)
  - School encourages academic excellence and character expectations (93%)
  - Facilities (98%)
  - Safety (92%)
  - Communication (94%)
  - Core Academics
    - ELA (91%)
    - Science (94%)
    - Social Sciences (98%)
    - Math (85%)
      - Looking at adding a 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 50% or less of parents of less please with:
  - Club Activities
    - YMCA programs started this year for both adults and children
    - YMCA Summer Program (ages 5-12) is in the works
  - IB Learner Profiles (30%)
- Many parents wanted information on high school academies earlier than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Access starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 23%
  - Access starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 48%
  - Access starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 36%
- We are identifying incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders for advanced placement through eSchool Plus.
  - Parent requests are also heavily relied upon for placement.
- Many of the students in the IB Program at Nease are not from Pacetti Bay.
  - Lots of students are opting for dual-enrollment and academies.
- Overall theme of survey – parents are happy with Pacetti Bay, but are concerned about all the growth occurring.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 13 at 2:30 PM in the media center

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37