

SAC Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009 3:00 pm
SPHS Media Center

In attendance:

David Basile, Principal	Linda Pegnatore, BTU Steward, Teacher
Tracie Casserly, SAC Chair	Susan Steege, BTU Steward, Teacher
Dori Valdes, Parent	Karen James, Teacher
Janet Chrystie-Wargula, Parent	Nereida Miller, SAF Chair, Parent
Orkisha Edmond, Reading Coach	Amy Tupper, Parent
Donna Rose, Reading Coach	Lisa Tran, Student
Wendy Bernstein, Asst. Principal	Jasmine Ingram, Student
Jennifer Martin, Comm. Rep.	Zachary Srot, Student
Carol Reynolds-Srot, Parent	Christopher Miller, Student
Annette Gardiner, Parent	Mikayla Vielot, Student
Natasha Newell, Student	Pamela Black, Math Coach
Matthew Miller, Student	Bernadine Beard, Asst. Principal
Michael Berrios, Student	James McGonagle, Comm. Rep.

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by Ms. Casserly.

Ms. Casserly made a motion to approve the minutes from the September SAC meeting. Ms. Steege seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed, the September minutes were approved.

Ms. Casserly shared with the SAC committee that the state accountability funds in the amount of \$5 per FTE student were now in our budget. In the past, SAC has voted to use those funds for our Saturday school program. Dr. Basile felt that the Saturday school program was not necessary, as we have made it until the end of October without it. The SAC committee agreed and also thought the funds would better meet the goals of our SIP plan if they were used to fund some type of an after school tutoring program. Donna Rose, Reading Coach, presented a three component after school tutoring program to the committee, with those three components being:

1. After school tutoring for 9th and 10th grade students, in math, English and science, to start asap and run through the rest of the school year.
2. FCAT tutoring after school, an FCAT camp if you will, closer to the time of FCAT
3. An ACT prep. Class for 11th and 12th grade students, run by a teacher who was trained by Princeton Review, using Princeton Review materials that were provided to our school as a result of this training.

An oral vote was conducted. The committee members were each asked to vote yes or no for using the SAC accountability funds for the above after school tutoring programs. The vote was unanimous, and all SAC members present voted "yes".

The SAC committee was asked to review and amend the SAC bylaws for South Plantation H.S. It was discussed and decided to make the length of the term of SAC members one year, to retain the model of having one SAC Chairperson, to elect the SAC Chairperson at the May meeting and to install the SAC Chairperson at the 1st meeting of the school year. Ms. Casserly made a motion to approve and amend the SAC bylaws as stated above. Ms. Tupper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed, the bylaws were approved and amended. They must be sent in electronically to the Area Office by November 23.

Ms. Edmond shared the BAT data reading summary from the Sept. BAT testing with the committee. In both 9th and 10th grade, our strongest area is in Main Idea, Plot, and Purpose and our weakest area is Comparison and Cause/Effect. The Mini Bats are addressing all areas tested on the regular BAT and the actual FCAT. Students did much better on the Mini BATS administered in class by their classroom teacher than they did on the regular district wide BAT. We are seeing improvement and will continue to make improvements between now and March when they take the actual FCAT.

Mrs. Miller nominated Mr. and Mrs. Collins for the October Co-SAC Employees of the Month. They both work so hard for South all year long, but they put in extra long hours and effort in the weeks before and during homecoming to make it so special for our students. Ms. Casserly moved that Mr. and Mrs. Collins be named the Oct. Co-SAC Emp. Of the Month. Dr. Basile seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

In new business, Ms. Martin shared a flyer with the committee about Broward Days 2010. Ms. Chrystie-Wargula asked about Rachel's Challenge. Ms. Bernstein stated that a club had been formed for students interested in participating and being active with Rachel's Challenge, and Ms. DeLaEsprella is the sponsor for the club. Ms. Bernstein shared information about the upcoming H1N1 vaccine being given at school free of charge. The consent forms go home to parents on October 28th and are due back to the main office by November 2nd. Vaccines will begin on November 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm, and right after a SAF meeting was held.