

SAC Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2010 3:00 pm
SPHS Media Center

In attendance:

David Basile, Principal
Tracie Casserly, SAC Chair
Debra Johnson, Asst. Principal
Karen James, Teacher
Janet Chrystie-Wargula, Parent
Amy Tupper, Parent
Linda Pegnatore, BTU, Teacher
Carol Reynolds-Srot, Parent
David Hepler, Comm. Rep.
Lisa Tran, Student

Michael Berrios, Student
Alex Cohen, Student
Susan Steege, BTU Steward, Teacher
Dori Valdes, Parent
Nereida Miller, SAF Chair, Parent
James McGonagle, Comm. Rep
Zachary Srot, Student
Christopher Miller, Student
Matthew Miller, Student
Kay Arnold, Parent

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

Ms. Casserly disseminated the minutes from the Feb. SAC meeting. Ms. Casserly moved that we approved the Feb. SAC meeting minutes, Ms. Miller seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. Johnson spoke about Title One Updates. She stated that next year the students will be received agendas paid for with Title One funds. She also disseminated the Annual Title One School Parent Survey and said it would be going home to parents to be returned in April.

Dr. Basile spoke about budget updates. He stated that he will likely have to cut around \$900,000 from the school budget. The school budget started at around \$13 million 3 years ago and is now down to \$10 million. There is nothing left to cut except “people”. The cuts will occur as per the BTU contract, article 26. We will likely lose around 10 teachers, 1 A.P., 1 Guidance counselor, 1 clerical and 1 security. Nothing is final yet, but it doesn’t look good.

Dr. Basile spoke about our SIP plan and stated that our academic coaches are looking at our SIP regularly. It is a “living document”. They are continually trying to take out what’s “bad”, keep in and add what is “good”, to our SIP.

Michael Berrios nominated Mr. Holder for the March SAC Employee of the Month. He and several other student SAC members noted what a great teacher Mr. Holder is, how he is always willing to give extra help and individual attention, and that he is really funny, too! Ms. Miller moved that we name Mr. Holder as the SAC E.O.M., Ms. Arnold 2nd the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

In new business, Dr. Basile spoke about Donna Rose's trip to Haiti as part of the Global Nomads. There was a video conference with our SPHS ESOL students from Haiti and Donna Rose and the Haitian students she was involved with. One of the South students saw one of the Haitian students he knew, as they went to the same school when he lived in Haiti, and they were so happy to see each other. It was a very touching moment.

Ms. Steege spoke about the wavier for Prof. Study Days. She said the faculty will be voting on April 22nd to continue the Study Days or not. If they vote to continue the days, we will. If they don't, we won't. It must pass with 2/3 "yes" votes to pass.

Ms. Johnson stated that Graduation is on Sunday, June 6th at 7 pm at NSU. Graduation rehearsal is on June 4th from 1 to 4 pm at NSU. Every student will get 4 tickets to start, and they more tickets may be given out if they are available. Last year, it started out at 4 tickets and then went up to 6 tickets per student. There are 128 more students graduating this year. There will be a Senior Assembly on April 14th to go over information the Seniors need to know.

Dr. Basile shared that the French Team were the 5A State Champs at the Foreign Language Competition, and that Jonna Lyn Lario received a very distinguished award only given to the "best of the best" called the "Pris du Jury".

Mr. Hepler spoke about contacting our state legislators and demanding that they start to properly fund public education. Each year, they are cutting more and more, and parents need to take a stand and demand that public education receives the funding it deserves.

Ms. Martin shared (via an e-mail) lots of information regarding her trip , along with several other Broward County representatives, to Tallahassee. The e-mail was shared with the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.