

PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL

SAC MINUTES

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- Jonathan Higgins welcomed and opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- In attendance were: David Morell, Roger Williams, Martha Fulford, Lisa Bend, Allen Hladik, Tim Cavacini, Lisa Cavacini, Diana Fye, Jonathan Higgins, Debbie Drozd, and Dr. Clay Carmichael.
- Minutes read and corrected. Motion made by Mrs. Fye and a second by Mrs. Bendt.
- Dr. Carmichael welcomed everyone. He explained how school and students are scored using the FCAT. Low socio-economic students, especially white males, mostly do not meet AYP. Lowest quartile, 25%, does not meet AYP. (Adequate Yearly Progress) We are/ have put programs in effect. Tutoring after school, and Lunch and Learn during the lunch periods on Tuesday and Thursday. One group of at-risk students is the eighth graders that have failed FCAT. Students need ACT and FCAT prep classes.
- New cut scores are now in place for the FCAT. Scores are now passing if you score 245 out of 300. This means that students must pass by 82%, as compared to 65% in the years before. This could hurt students that usually do well.
- Wednesdays will not implement articles that are non-fiction. Students will use critical thinking skills to comprehend, debate, discuss, and answer questions.
- Algebra I EOC exams – we have 83 that failed out of 313. 160 will fail EOC and you have to pass this exam in order to pass the class. Students that do not pass, must take the class again. We must also consider new algebra I students coming into the school. We may need Algebra I prep classes. He will bring an Algebra I book next meeting. (Glencoe Algebra I book) We may need to do ninth grade team structure.
- Request for \$3000.00 for Avid and IB Teacher Training in St. Petersburg. Avid pushes students up in their academic careers.
- Title 5 money from county level goes to schools on state and federal level.
- Turnitin.com - \$2,400.00 Mrs. Neff will give a proposal for this.
- Funding for lower performing student's grant from St. Johns Education Foundation. \$72,000. Avid is a good turnkey workshop. Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Hladik.
- Calendar items: Report Card – January 24<sup>th</sup>, World Golf Show Case w/8<sup>th</sup> graders, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Avid Open House – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Westfal is the top four teachers in the county for Teacher of the Year!
- Wednesdays – Used for observations, morning teacher training.
- Saturday – Winter Homecoming. 8 – 11 p.m.
- Mr. Higgins adjourned the meeting with his thanks for coming out tonight. 6:15 p.m.