

Pedro Menendez High School

School Advisory Council

SAC Minutes for Tuesday, November 15, 2011

- Call to order at 5:30 PM.
- Attending: Dr. Clay Carmichael, Jonathan Higgins, Debbie Drozd, Roger Williams, Gustavo Ayala, Melody Downey, Martha Fulford, Alan Hladik, Austin Garrett, and Ari Newsome.
- Jonathan Higgins, SAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone. Minutes from October meeting were approved and a Motion was made by Roger Williams – 2nd by Martha Fulford.
- Meeting began with discussion of School Recognition Funds. Jonathan shared the 07/08 and the 09/10 ballots. He explained what most teachers voted for. (which was the first option) For this year, teachers will vote on options 1 or 3. Will have the opportunity to vote by email and or ballots. SAC dollars are few. Plan as to how to use SAC dollars is to look at all funding capabilities and what programs best supports needs.
- December 6th is our Energy Symposium. We need parents to support and help walk around. Volunteers are: Gustavo Ayala, Roger Williams, Melody Downey, Martha Fulford, Austin Garrett, Alan Hladik, and Ari Newsome. We will set up the evening before. At 8:30 am. – Breakfast for vendors. Then, have parents take groups of students around.
- Dates: 11/22 – Academic Letter Breakfast, College Readiness Room – Students go in during lunch. 11/29 – 6:30 p.m., Parent/Academy night at GRMS. Volunteer will man it.
- 11/22 – Kickball game – One dollar donation or canned food item. Money goes toward food bank.
- Continuing Marzano evaluations – Dr. Carmichael does not feel much stress, there is a need for continuity in schools.
- PERT Testing – Post Secondary Evaluation Readiness Test. McCann – Website has study guides. This is unfunded, couple could be Core Academics, eventually will take the place of CPT test. Letters will first go to parents, then will meet with eleventh graders. Concerns: Electives, Academics, teachers, FCAT scores are passing, fear for student's motivation, worry about impact on students, and testing starts in three weeks. Parents voiced their concerns about so much testing for students. Dr. Carmichael wants students to have a great high school experience. He wants to see students leave here and go somewhere to continue their education. (Worried that this will stop students) A request was made that tenth grade students be made aware of this. Dr. Joyner met with committee about the approach to the law. A special Kudos to him for taking time to talk with students who failed in tenth grade, but have grown as seniors. (IB students applying to Harvard, etc.)

Motion made to close meeting at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Hladik and 2nd by Austin Garrett.

