

PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL SAC MINUTES

February 21, 2012

- ✚ Jonathan Higgins welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:30.
- ✚ In attendance were: Dr. Clay Carmichael, Jonathan Higgins, David Morell, Roger Miller, Martha Fulford, Gaye Costeria, Alan Hladik, Dr. Tim Cavacini, Ari Newsome, and Debbie Drozd
- ✚ A motion was made to approve the last minutes by Mr. William, and second by Mr. Hladik.
- ✚ SAC Surveys are up and ready for students, parents, and faculty. We would like to ask Christine about a counter to find out what percent of the Pedro family completes the surveys.
- ✚ Mrs. Neff, our Librarian, asked for monetary help to purchase again "turnitin.com". Needed to know what percent of teachers use it. The decision was made to give one thousand dollars toward the total price. Mrs. Neff will also ask PTSO. Mr. Hladik made a motion and a second was made by Mr. Williams.
- ✚ Looked at our math program. Checked our potential failures. We were lucky and have two volunteers – Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kerby run classes for math Prep. We will have two math positions open at the end of the year.
- ✚ February 23, Thursday night, alert will go out to tenth grade parents whose students are not enrolled in reading. Wish to inform them about the new cuts to scores. 245 out of 300 in tenth grade. If students do the same thing as last year, they will fail. We are having a program for middle students on Thursday.
- ✚ Kids are happy with the "Lunch and Learn". Goal is to start thinking positive about themselves. Also to assist in better testing.
- ✚ Doug Reeves – Look up "Toxic Grade Practice", Averages, the Mean of Scores, End of Course Exam, any failed classes? Want to help students; Students will need to take remedial classes – intensive math classes.
- ✚ Dr. Carmichael talked to Senator Saunders, Thrasher Aides about students reaching testing saturation. Drop out may rise cause many classes are cut that students want to take Academies, etc. Students should be able to pick a career path in high school and graduate with other requirements that are not college bound.
- ✚ Jonathan Higgins went to Tallahassee and met with all six representatives. It was a big experience and believes they are far removed from the classroom. They have no idea what really goes on in the classroom. Great experience and all should go. Be sure to call about too much testing.
- ✚ EOC students will need to start in Middle School for instruction to prepare students for more rigorous testing.
- ✚ Private schools do not have all the resources as public schools. Charter schools will have to take tests. Money for Charter Schools comes from the state and is not spent
- ✚ Update: Tenth Grade FCAT Writing – February 26th – 29th, Black History Program is tonight. We have a couple of spiritual songs entered into the program because students chose them due to heritage and the South, Faculty meeting and Relay for Life will be here.
- ✚ Monday the fifth – Dr. Holt article, "Safe Driving Around Semi-Trucks" the program will consist of Sponsors, films, and a semi-truck, Talent show 3/22, Star Program 3/27, and Prom is 5/11.
- ✚ Parent parking, parent pick-up is dangerous. Parents are driving in the wrong zones to pick up their students, rushing to get them first. Need to check these situations out.
- ✚ Jonathan thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 6:37 p.m.