SAC Minutes for May 12, 2016

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Peyton Pitcher, Jennifer Comfort, Rebecca “Rivkah” Fuhrmann, Paul Villavisanis, Nicholas Comfort, Denise Sadowski, Lori Canoura, Dawn Sapp, Roger Williams, Marci Poston, Ann Marie Darcy, Clay Carmichael, Wanda English, Chris Cofield, Cynthia Morrison
* Introductions and welcome
* Chris Cofield, 2016-2017 SAC chair
* All members, returning and new
* Updates from Dr. Carmichael
* Thank you to students and parents
* Volleyball tonight
* Football tomorrow night
* IB spirit fundraiser Thursday, 8/25
* Various club meetings
* New assistant principal, Jessica Balla
* Presentation regarding new school initiatives
* Goals
* Improve efficiency on all EOCs
* Empower students through leadership opportunities
* Parent/student/teacher/community: Our grade guidelines will reflect achievement and serve as a mechanism to guide instruction
* Well-behaved students that follow daily procedures to make our campus feel scholarly and safe
* The “how”
* “Falcon 7” and “Golden 7” (high-yield strategies)
* Strong PLCs (Professional Learning Communities)
* Build up Link Crew, Athletic Leadership Council, AVID, academies, IB
* Consistent grading practices
* Teacher committee to work with deans’ office
* AVID strategies (3-inch binder, Cornell notes)
* “10/24/7” rule
* Expected results
* 10% points higher proficiency on all EOCs
* 33% more participation in clubs, athletics, academies, AVID, IB events
* Near “0” expressed concerns regarding grade failures
* Everyone will express that our school is a positive, upbeat place to be
* SAC members are welcome to view the School Improvement Plan draft (hardcopy from Dr. Carmichael) and ask questions/make suggestions
* School Recognition Fund request ($2,000 for student tickets) for next Friday’s football game
  + Mr. Williams motions
  + Ms. Comfort seconds
  + Unanimous approval upon voting
  + Funding request now goes to the district
* Meeting date options
  + Hopefully we will have advance notice if Thursdays will not work, pending the spring baseball schedule
  + Mr. Cofield will present us with some dates
* Remarks from SAC members
  + Tighter cell phone rules seem to be in place (still allowed at lunch, though)
  + Club Fair: suggestion to have a lunch fair, as well as to incorporate it into next year’s orientation
  + Enrollment: 1,366 “warm body count” (increase from last year); 1,333 FTE (increase from last year); 1,389 on computer (1,400 with new students planning to register)
* English/Reading position recently posted
* Recent request for a new paraprofessional position to help in ESE
* Future goal: to add Marine ROTC program (will require about 1,500 students for that to happen)
  + New water bottle policy clarification: Cartons of milk are fine; so is Gatorade for lunch, etc., but no Kangaroo/Yeti cups
  + Applications for new members are available (particularly interested in adding “community members”)
  + Mentorship: Mrs. Poston (Take Stock in Children) and next semester’s “Power Hour” (which Mr. Simpkins is spearheading) provide an excellent opportunity for this
* Adjourned at 5:15 PM
* Next Meeting: September 22, 2016

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*