SAC Minutes for February 23, 2017

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Peyton Pitcher, Roger Williams, Wanda English, Denise Sadowski, Lori Canoura, Alexandra Phillips, Nancy Little, David Simpkins, Dawn Sapp, Jessica Balla, Diana Churchill, Chris Cofield, Cynthia Morrison
* School Updates
* In-service on 2/17
* 3-part “wheel”
* Yanetta Arnold did a segment on parent conferencing, Jessica Balla did a segment on intervention for struggling students, and Danny Erb and Cynthia Morrison did a segment on grading philosophy
* Upcoming events
* FSA writing (9th and 10th grade) 2/28-3/8
* FSA reading (9th and 10th grade) 4/10-4/19
* Teacher recruitment at SAHS this Saturday, 10-2
* All-county art show downtown (on Bayfront) 3/3
* Special Olympics here at PMHS 3/4 (10AM)
* Cultural Fair here at PMHS 3/8 (5:30PM)
* Spring break 3/13-3/17; 3/20 is a teacher planning day
* Student/Teacher holiday 4/14
* Needs Assessment Survey Update
* Thus far, 97 faculty/staff members have opened the survey; 43 have completed it
* Thus far, 498 students have started the survey; 271 have completed it
* Thus far, 67 parents have opened the survey; 13 have completed it
* Suggestion to have computers in the media center ready for parents to take the survey the evening of the cultural fair
* SJCSD Focus Group Update
* Open enrollment (started this year)
* Only considered “open seats” in our county if a school is at less than 80% capacity
* Only four schools (three elementary + Murray Middle School) fit this definition right now
* St. Johns County applicants are given priority and are chosen through a lottery system
* This policy is in place to accommodate our county’s 3-5% annual growth
* Growth
* We are building three new schools
* Capital funds are still declining
* Teacher retention and compensation
* A large number of teachers are leaving
* Applications have declined
* We are hiring about 200 new teachers every year
* Goal: to make teaching positions in SJC more desirable
* Frank Upchurch (SJCSD attorney) on public records
* Watch what you put into emails
* Emails are public records that can be requested at any time
* This is true for text correspondence between employees as well
* Boy Scouts
* Schools are advised not to sponsor Boy Scout activities
* Too much liability
* Need additional insurance riders
* We can give space but not sponsorship
* AVID/IB Universal field trip update
* Adrienne Paone needs more time to collect information
* She will attend our next SAC meeting to provide a report
* St. Johns County Public Library calendar
* 3/9 Teen Cursive Class resumes
* 3/8 Kids Cursive Class
* 3/7 De-Stress Techniques for Teens
* 3/21 Teen Smash Bros. Tournament
* Teen cooking will restart in April
* 2/24 Battle of the Books at Fullerwood, followed by a celebration lunch at the Southeast branch of the SJC Public Library
* Need volunteers (14 and older; 18 and older require a background check); forms available here today
* “Ask the Experts” baby addition series each Friday through 3/24
* Tuesdays at 4:30 Kids and Teens Fitness and Yoga
* Flu update
* Teachers and staff have been advised to encourage proper hygiene
* Many of our teachers/staff/students have been catching the flu
* Adjournment
* Roger Williams moves
* Peyton Pitcher seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Adjourned at 5:05PM
* Next meeting: April 20, 2017

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*