SAC Minutes for October 20, 2016

* Call to order at 4:34 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Peyton Pitcher, Rebecca “Rivkah” Fuhrmann, Lori Canoura, Dawn Sapp, Roger Williams, Kim Lippo, Alexandra Phillips, Nancy Little, Diana Churchill, Wanda English, Chris Cofield, Cynthia Morrison
* Introductions and welcome
* Fund Request for Heidi Deaton
* Asking for $3,550 (which would leave us with $4,451) for the Harvard Summer Institute on college admissions
* This workshop would assist in these areas: how to get in, funding, writing recommendations
* Would help our graduation rate and increase students going to college
* We normally limit our funding to $500 per person/activity
* Suggestions from council: perhaps she could tap into other resources or look into a similar workshop at an alternative university
* We anticipate that we will need to help fund the AVID summer institute later on in the year
* Since Mrs. Deaton is not present, we will address the request at our next meeting (if she is present)
* Updates from Kim Lippo (for Dr. Carmichael, who is attending a student award presentation)
* PMHS was the largest area shelter with well over 500 people
* Administrative staff, district personnel, guidance counselor divided up shifts
* Dr. C. wants to thank the “wonderful community” which includes the Red Cross and Publix
* PMHS was also a distribution site; collected MANY donations and gave them to students first, then the community (well over 200 individuals)
* When school resumed, PMHS opened up early for students to take showers if they couldn’t at home
* New teachers:
* Bailey Verret
* Ashley Iselborn
* Naomi Cyr
* Eric Seymour
* Stella Blayshock
* Brooke Radaker
* Adam Holmes
* Kyle Skipper
* Christina smith
* Lisa Bochenek
* Jacob Tilton (associate teacher)
* Report cards: end of quarter was not adjusted (still 10/14) but report cards have been pushed back to 10/28 (printed only upon request)
* Schedule changes:
* Planning happens in the spring; not easy to move students around due to class size amendment
* No schedule changes at this time; we’ll address level changes at the semester if needed
* Maxed out on textbooks
* Homecoming:
* Game moved to 10/28 (“pink out”)
* Senior night for football, cheer, dance, and band PRE-GAME
* Halftime = homecoming court festivities
* Dance after the game (9:30-midnight)
* Week’s activities: Monday is senior citizen day; Tuesday is “tie it up pink” (courtyard pep rally with Jeannie Blaylock); Wednesday is color war (green for 9th, black for 10th, red for 11th, blue for 12th, grey for faculty); Wednesday night is skit night (6PM); Thursday is throwback day; Friday is spirit wear
* Grading:
* All classes utilizing 70% formative, 30% summative evaluations
* Monitoring to make sure teachers have enough of each to make it fair for the student (ideally, 9 of each per quarter)
* Still a work in progress
* Bylaws
* Changes highlighted on sheet distributed to council members
* Copies of updated bylaws distributed to council members
* Updated version will be sent in next week, although we can resubmit later on after we make amendments/changes
* We’ll table approval vote to next month so that members can read through the updated bylaws
* Suggestion to take out #6 on page 4, but we’ll have to table the vote to next meeting (no quorum)
* Mr. Cofield will also be sending in the composition form and the meeting dates
* SJC Public Library
* Libraries are donation sites
* Lots of donations given to SAFE Pet Rescue, GRMS, and the Hastings community; now more will be given to Ayla’s Acres
* Southeast Branch events:
* 10/20 teen cursive class
* 10/22 teen sewing
* 10/25 teen pumpkin carving
* 10/27 teen cursive class
* 10/29 Trunk or Treat
* 11/1 college application essay workshop with professional editor Margalo Eden (6PM, but register beforehand)
* 11/8 teen cooking
* 11/15 teen gaming tournament with Super Smash Bros. (with prize)
* 11/29 National Novel Writing Month teen author event (*Genome* Project author Chrissy Benjamin)
* Ancient City Kids Day (10/22, 11AM-3PM, Lewis Speedway at the Health and Human Services parking lot)
* Adjourned at 5:12 PM (motioned by Isabelle Pitcher, seconded by Roger Williams, approved unanimously)
* Next Meeting: November 17, 2016

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*