

Pedro Menendez High School
SAC minutes for January 20, 2010

- Members present: Jonathan Higgins, Dr. Clay Carmichael, Adrienne Paone, Dianna Fye, Tabitha Dotson, Gaye Costeira, Grace Wyman, Leslie Bendt, Patricia Dominguez
- Meeting begins at 6:02pm at the Chick-Fil-A Restaurant in St. Augustine, FL with member sign in, welcome, and the approval of last meeting's minutes (Diana Fye, Patricia Dominguez).
- Funding request is presented by Jonathan Higgins for Matt Hodges as a request for \$270 to cover a substitute teacher for 3 days while at the state Thespian festival. Discussion on SAC monies are present and the request is unanimously approved (Adrienne Paone—motion, Grace Wyman—2nd) pending funds available (as per balance available from PMHS bookkeeper Melinda Ponce). Dr. Carmichael states that if funds are not available through SAC funds, he will find additional sources of funding to cover Mr. Hodge's expenses.
- Adrienne Paone (SAC co-chair and reading coach) discusses the importance of Literacy week, a weeklong event sponsoring literacy school wide that will take place (January 24-28). During this week we will have readalouds Wednesday and Friday during all 3 lunches by Dr. Carmichael and other administrators and teachers. We will also have a poster and essay contest for all students to participate in, and a Million minute marathon on Monday in which we will encourage all classes to read for 15 minutes at some point during the period. The county is trying to accumulate a million minutes between all students in all schools during this day.
- Dr. Carmichael discusses school updates. He begins with after school tutoring programs that we are continuing, which will begin next week (Jan. 24th). This tutoring will be for athletes (Tuesdays) and for students in need of FCAT help (Thursdays). There will also be ACT tutoring available on Thursdays. Funding for tutoring is made available through the Jobs Funds (President Obama's Job Initiatives) to hire college tutors. We will also be hiring a new math teacher (Financial Math).
- High School Showcase (Academy night) at World Golf Village on Jan. 27th: All county high schools will have their academy programs represented during the day for middle schools, during the evening from 5:30-8:00 for parents.
- Feb. 2, 2010 will be PMHS' Academy Night at PMHS. The event will begin with hotdogs and chips in the courtyard at 5:00pm, and a presentation following from 6:00pm-7:00pm.
- Dr. Carmichael discusses the school grade and tells us how the grade is on a point scale. Discussion on why our school should be an "A" school, and how we were deducted points due to "At risk graduates"—students who did not graduate because they either dropped out or moved to a different school/ program.
- Becci Smith is our 2010PMHS Teacher of the Year, she is also one of three runners up for the district Teacher of the Year.
- Dr. Carmichael discusses the discipline meetings he has had with students (this week). He discussed with students the importance of staying focused, being in class every day, and staying away from drugs and alcohol.

- Tuesday, Jan. 25th Dr. Carmichael will have 9th and 10th grade meetings. He will take high performing FCAT students and will ask them to create a sphere of influence (encourage their friends to do well in school, study hard, prepare for the FCAT).
- Saturday, Jan. 29th the Booster club will be at WalMart in St. Augustine selling tickets for our fundraiser (Ford car raffle).
- Meeting ends at 6:52pm. (Adrienne Paone—motion, Diana Fye—2nd)