SAC Minutes for January 21, 2016

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Clay Carmichael, Tim Egnor, Roger Williams, Nancy Wray, Tim Cavacini, Nancy Little, Wanda English, Kate Neff, Cynthia Morrison
* New member introduction
* Nancy Wray
* Runs VFW
* Athletic booster
* Very involved in community
* Has special needs child/AVID student here
* Updates from Dr. Carmichael
* Thank you to the PMHS community for raising $3,000 for needy students (some homeless) right before Christmas; it means a lot to them
* Thank you to the VFW (Vilano and Post 2391) and the Marine Corps League for providing a substantial amount of money ($2,000?) for a future flag pole in the courtyard (dedication will be a week or so before Memorial Day)
* High school showcase tonight (1/21) at World Golf Village; among programs being highlighted are our Vystar Business Academy, our Flagler Hospital Health Science Academy, our Florida Masonry Association’s Architectural and Building Sciences Academy, and our International Baccalaureate Program
* Our district has a new program application procedure and policy this year, explained by Tim Egnor and implemented to help streamline the process and make things more equitable; students must carefully rank their programs of interest and apply via Home Access Center by February 2, 2016 (this is a firm deadline)
* Question: Can students change to different academy junior year?
* Answer: It is very hard to complete the requirements for a new academy, so generally no, but our virtual lab provides an opportunity for students to free up their schedules to take some of those classes
* Grading: We are trying to seek a balance between summative and formative assessments as well as assignment weights
* PMHS Academy Night will be held here on February 4, 2016
* Graduation: May 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the St. Augustine Amphitheater (we’ll have to change our SAC meeting date for that month)
* College Visits: Ms. Wray expressed that she would like to see more AVID college field trips; Dr. Carmichael added that we had lots of good colleges here this week for Financial Aid Night
* The Teacher of the Year Banquet will be held next week; Rick Ryan and Stephanie Toffaletti are our teacher of the year/rookie teacher of the year respectively
* Webster Elementary School will be visiting PMHS on Thursday, January 28th; we are expecting about 125 fifth graders (this is the first visit of its kind)
* Women in IT will be held here next Friday, January 29th; this is a grant program for sophomore girls (sponsored by Citibank) which offers internships
* Clarification on item from last month’s minutes
* “board” refers to the State Board of Education, **not** our local school board
* This will be amended in our minutes from last month
* Needs Assessment Surveys
* Will be available next week on our SAC website and PMHS website for faculty/staff, parents, and students
* Dr. Carmichael will text a link to it
* The window will be open for a couple of months
* Student incentive reward
* Mr. Hoog asked Student Council what for suggestions, and they ranked them as follows:

1. Cookout
2. Motivational speaker (Ted-like Talk)
3. Pep rally
4. Local band at all three lunches

* Jessica McCloud suggested the possibility of a carnival day
* Nancy Little suggested John Gordon (we will look into his fee)
* We may try to combine the cookout and speaker
* Suggestions for sponsors to help defray costs include Ameris Bank, the Business Academy Advisory Board, Athletic Boosters, and Home Depot
* School Grade: simulations show that we should be an A school once again
* Closing Remarks:
* Question: Who provides the SAT/ACT preparation provided here at PMHS? Answer: Ralf Ingwerson, every Tuesday and Wednesday night here (cycles last a couple of weeks)
* The district is about to start its strategic planning session for next year; surveys will be sent out (don’t confuse them with the SAC Needs Assessment Survey)
* Adjourned at 5:30 PM
* Next Meeting: February 18, 2016

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*