SAC Minutes for November 17, 2016

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Peyton Pitcher, Rebecca “Rivkah” Fuhrmann, Lori Canoura, Mikie Stroh, Roger Williams, Kim Lippo, Alexandra Phillips, Nancy Little, Diana Churchill, Wanda English, Paul Villavisanis, Denise Sadowski, Jennifer Comfort, Marcia Poston, Chris Cofield, Cynthia Morrison
* Introductions and welcome
* Request for information regarding absentee members
* New member request: Kim Lippo, PMHS registrar
* Roger Williams motions
* Wanda English seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Updates from David Simpkins, Assistant Principal (for Dr. Carmichael, who is in China)
* Dr. Carmichael will be gone for the next two to four weeks (he and his wife are adopting a new baby girl)
* David Simpkins and Jessica Balla are sharing Dr. Carmichael’s duties
* Tomorrow (Friday, 11/18) is the Academic Letter Breakfast
* We are collecting holiday food for forty PMHS families in need; donations will be distributed next week
* December 16-21st: semester exams (short-day schedule for each exam day)
* Homecoming update from Kim Lippo
* Great success
* Lots of spirited participation
* Dance after game was well attended
* Project Green update from Christopher Cofield
* Competition at Creekside High School today
* STEM Academies participate
* Students must find a solution to an environmental problem
* Our PMHS group placed 2nd out of 77 groups
* Their project: flood-proof houses
* November Focus Group Meeting report from Roger Williams
* Marcia Poston, Isabelle Pitcher, and Roger Williams attended on behalf of PMHS
* Dr. Joyner introduced Tim Forson as new superintendent
* Dr. Joyner cited parents’ letters as a big help in getting a traffic light at the intersection of US1 and Ray Road (for Nease High School)
* Briefing from student services (mainly regarding the ASSIST program)
* Beth Sweeney provided the legislative platform that the school board approved (flyer distributed to SAC members)
* Kim Lippo clarified the difference between FLVS and SJVS
* Taking classes with SJVS secures some funding for our district
* Dr. Joyner wrapped up with his perspective
* Fund request follow up with Kate Neff
* Short video on what our library offers our students
* Summary of the FAME conference
* New funding request from Kate Neff on behalf of Dr. Carmichael
* Money needed for Turnitin.com, which must be renewed each year
* Request for $1,500 to help with total cost of $6,000+
* We have $4,451 in our current budget
* Roger Williams motions
* Paul Villavisanis seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Public library update from Alexandra Phillips
* November and December calendars distributed to members
* 11/29, 6PM: Teen author event with Chrissy Benjamin
* Giving Tree and Salvation Army Angel Tree are at the Southeast Branch
* “Food for Fines” is taking place (each item counts as $1; proceeds go to Health and Human Services)
* Kate Neff and Alex Phillips are being published in *Voya*
* At an upcoming conference in Orlando, Kate Neff and Alex Phillips will be presenting their joint ventures
* Changes to bylaws
* Nancy Little motions to approve
* Isabelle Pitcher seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Will be published on website
* Future SAC meeting dates
* We only need to have eight meetings
* Suggestion made to cancel December meeting
* Roger Williams motions
* Diana Churchill seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Due to conflicts with baseball, there was a suggestion to move the February meeting to February 23rd and cancel the March meeting
* Wanda English motions
* Diana Churchill seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Rivkah Fuhrmann and *Ascension* literary magazine
* “Elf Help” fundraiser on 12/14
* Talent show in late February (need people to decorate and contribute acts)
* Theme for talent show: Kaleidoscope
* Adjourned at 5:25 PM
* Isabelle Pitcher motions
* Roger Williams seconds
* Unanimous approval
* Next meeting: January 19, 2017

 *--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*