PMHS SAC Minutes for September 17, 2015

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Clay Carmichael, Tim Egnor, Kate Neff, Cynthia Morrison, Roger Williams, Tim Cavacini, Diana Churchill, Isabelle Pitcher, Alexandra Phillips, Jessica McCloud, Lori Canoura, Marci Poston, Denise Sadowski, Nancy Little, Tammy Simmons
* Introductions and welcome
* Updates from Dr. Carmichael:
* Smooth school opening due to community buy-in, parents/staff commitment, SAC input implementation
* $7900 for professional development (IB, AVID, Link Crew, workshops)
* Deliberate practice goal for the district = professional development
* Examples of mini deliberate practice lessons during faculty meetings
* “No Fly List”
* David Simpkins = great addition
* College Night: huge success, 1500 students, 85+ colleges/universities, break-out sessions for Bright Futures, college applications, etc.
* Open House next week (Thursday, 9/24) from 6-8:00 PM (free baked ziti dinner from 5:30-6PM)
* SIP presentation 10/6, 8:00 at Fullerwood
* Homecoming on the 23rd; dance on the 24th; golf tournament on the 24th (8AM)
* Question: SAT/ACT prep offerings?
* Ralf Ingwersen (Dr. Carmichael will contact him to line up sessions)
* Public Library has practice tests (will send info to Kate Neff)
* Kaiser University offers sessions on Saturdays
* SAT vs. ACT
* Changes in SAT (eliminating writing; aligning to standards; new test in March?)
* Ms. Poston will brief us on it at next meeting
* Dr. Joyner’s video on testing

SIP: first draft submitted; final draft due tomorrow, 9/18

* AVID demo school progress: county/state visitors commended us on the use of higher order questions, lots of positive energy, great classroom management, very personable and polite students; recommended we work to incorporate collaboration and summaries on a daily basis; next visit in 6 weeks
* High-yield strategies: Kate Neff and Adrienne Paone have tied them to AVID strategies and designated specific ones per quarter (1st = summary/note taking; 2nd = similarities/differences; 3rd = practice/homework; 4th = reinforcing/feedback)
* SIP: planning to make addition to vision statement regarding our school’s unique emphasis on accessibility and inclusivity (students of various levels and abilities encouraged and welcomed to participate in higher level programs of study)
* Funding request: Kate Neff asked for $134 for hotel, 2days in Orlando at the FAME conference; Roger Williams made motion to approve, Dr. Cavacini seconded, and vote was unanimous to approve funding
* Florida Power Library status: PMHS is one of only 78 Florida schools to earn this honor since 2008
* SAC budget: was $5494.92, but Dr. Carmichael noted that with rollover money, the budget is now $7900
* Roger Williams suggested that we start determining how to use SAC money to help students
* Closing remarks: Plans for next meeting on October 15th (and beyond)…
* Student rewards/incentives (teacher and student input)
* Testing update from Marci Poston
* District speaker regarding half-cent sales tax
* Mr. Simpkins
* District Focus Group rep
* SAT/ACT prep
* Student leadership (Link Crew, NHS, Athletic Leadership Council)
* Follow-up with Link Crew and mentor/mentee meetings
* Tutoring update
* Voya Award
* Nancy Little: Florida Heritage Festival information (see website), posters, and pamphlets
* Adjourned at 5:15 PM

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*