**PMHS SAC Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, 9-22-16

**Prepared by: Isabelle Pitcher in lieu of Mrs. Cynthia Morrison, who was granted an excused absence due to a conflict.**

**Attendance**: Dr. Carmichael, Paul Villavisanis, Chris Cofield, Kate Neff, Isabelle Pitcher, Rebecca “Rivkah” Fuhrmann, Diana Churchill, Marci Poston, Nancy Little, Lori Canoura, Denise Sadowski, Peyton Pitcher, Alayna Poston, Alexandra Phillips, Wanda English, Mrs. Sapp (absent: Cynthia Morrison Co-Chair).

**Call to Order**: 4:35pm

1. Welcome & Sign In
2. SAC Budget Reviewed: Mr. Cofield
   1. Current budget: $4,877.27
   2. We may move around funds within line items/categories as needed.
3. Fund Request: Kate Neff
   1. Request for hotel cost for the FAME (Florida Association of Media & Education) Conference
   2. $426 for 3 nights
   3. Nancy Little motioned to approve, Marci Poston seconded, motion carried.
   4. Fund request approved.
4. Updates from Dr. Carmichael:
   1. College Fair was a huge success.
      1. IB/AVID dinner was well received.
      2. 100 colleges signed up to attend.
      3. 700-1000 students attended
      4. PMHS hosted past two years, it will most likely be at a school in the north of the County next year.
      5. Next year, if held off campus, Dr. Carmichael will ask for SAC approval of funds for a bus and dinner/event for students.
      6. College Representatives were quoted:
         1. “I’ve waited all year for this College Fair (PMHS)”, shared by Marci Poston.
         2. “Best event they’ve been to! Kudos to PMHS, IB, Guidance and AVID for taking such great care in welcoming us!”, shared by Mrs. Sapp.
   2. Calendar Updates:
      1. School Board Presentations of SAC Plan 1:15pm Wednesday, September 28th at Fullerwood Auditorium. Council members agreed that Mr. Cofield should attend the SIP meeting with Dr. Carmichael.
      2. Gifted Parent Meeting, 6:30pm, September 27th at Hickory Creek
      3. IB Presentation at Murray Middle, Mrs. Murphy and IB Students presenting differences between Full Diploma and Certificate programs available at PMHS. St. Augustine and Nease are also expected to be making presentations as well.
      4. 5-7:30 October 4th, IB/AVID OPEN HOUSE.
         1. Visit classrooms at any time within visiting window versus following child’s schedule.
      5. October 6th, GRMS AVID Students will be visiting PMHS.
      6. October 7th: Club Day during all lunches
         1. Mr. Ashton setting up tables.
         2. Ms. Ostopick taking Club requests for tables from students and teachers.
         3. Teachers are developing brochures and posters.
         4. A few new clubs include:
            1. AVID
            2. Street Hockey
            3. Drama
         5. A Club Master List is being prepared and will be released/posted upon its completion and approval.
         6. New Clubs are always announced.
      7. October 12th, Skit Night in the PAC
      8. Homecoming Week: October 10th – 14th
         1. Homecoming Game: October 14th
         2. Homecoming Dance, October 15th, 7-11pm
      9. October 20th, 6pm Financial Aid Night @ PMHS
      10. October 23rd: College Goal Sunday @ SJCRSC
          1. Students can receive assistance completing their FAFSA.
   3. Test Data: See attachment
      1. The variables that took us from an A to a B school are:
         1. Human Resources
         2. FCAT change to FSA’s
      2. Variables addressed thus far:
         1. Developing Small and Focused PLCs
            1. Meet at least once, sometimes 2x per month
            2. Biology PLC meets twice a month
            3. Ms. Balla, new AP, leading the charge
         2. Enhancing LINK Crew
         3. Classroom Strategies
            1. Falcon 7
            2. Golden 7
         4. Deans developed Teacher Committee to sit and discuss behavior issues monthly.
         5. PLATO
         6. Virtual Lab
         7. Honing Grading Guidelines: machine vs. teacher, enabling teachers to decide if “grading is consistent and makes sense” along with student performance across the board.
   4. PMHS is interviewing for one opening: Associate English.
   5. School Recognition Funds to Athletics for the Football Game Update:
      1. 350 students, vs. estimated 300, took advantage of the free game entry.
5. New SAC Member Request: Mr. Cofield
   1. SAC is seeking additional members to fully reflect and embody the diversity of our student population.
6. SAC/District Meeting Presentation from Isabelle Pitcher (see separate meeting minutes).
   1. SJCSD remains the fastest growing school district in Florida.
   2. Florida is 50th, last, in funding its schools.
   3. The SJCSD received a +0.72% increase in budget this year, which is the lowest in 30 years.
   4. Our SJCSD Budget is -$2,582,833.
   5. SJCSD will have to use its reserve savings account to make up for the shortfall.
   6. Political truth: Legislators in Florida receive more pressure to lower taxes than they do to fund education.
   7. To help change that, parents need to advocate with Legislators for our schools.
7. SJCPL Calendar Update: Alexandra Phillips (see attached calendar)
   1. Of Special interest “Teen Cursive” Thursdays, 4pm in October. Requires Registration.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm (motion by Nancy Little, seconded by Isabelle Pitcher)

Next Meeting Date and Time: October 20th, 4:30pm