

SAC Minutes

November 19, 2009, 3:15 p.m.

Present: Wayne Jenkins, Kerry Prodrumides, Kris Hutson, Angela Redmon, Curtis L. Lewis II, Darrell Colee, Ellen Davern, Angela Redmon, Barbara Davis, Jeanette Booth, Emily Colee, Lauren Robbins, Stephanie Davis, Jana Waler, and Theresa Meide.

Ms. Prodrumides read the minutes for October. Kris Hutson moved to approve them, Jeanette Booth seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins spoke about our rollover SAC budget. No state dollars were approved for funding the budget this year. We have spent much of the budget on substitutes used during the high stakes testing. Data must be reported carefully, much more than in the past. Progress monitoring, or formative testing, is now done three times a year to determine what direction our instruction should go.

Because of tremendous technical problems with the FAIR testing, we chose to use Thinklink. We are now getting ready to start the second round of testing December 2. October and December data will be compared to see learning gains and direct instruction.

Old Business-

The recognition money for being an "A" school was voted upon by the staff. A clear majority voted that the funds be spent on staff bonuses. Teachers have not had a raise for over a year and a half. This vote was approved by the district. The bonus will be on the December 11-12, 2009 paycheck. After benefits, the amount is approximately \$512.00 before taxes.

The issue of upgrading the playground has taken a positive turn. The district has provided \$50,000.00 for an upgrade to bring the playground up to current safety specifications. These improvements should be completed sometime after Thanksgiving.

New Business

A summary of Ketterlinus Elementary School Grade FCAT Data for last year was distributed and explained by Mr. Jenkins. Reading is our strongest area.

The district plans to use the same needs assessment throughout the district this year. Ketterlinus needs a better return rate than we got last year after surveys were completed over the internet. We can enter the data for those people who prefer to do it on paper.

Mr. Jenkins is hoping Ketterlinus will take the lead as the school in the historic district for the 450th anniversary celebration for St. Augustine.

Announcements by Mr. Jenkins:

Mrs. Upchurch will be recognized for her Horizon Grant to paint a large checker and chess board on the playground. We will buy large playing pieces to allow the children to play the games.

Mr. Sharman was voted as KES teacher of the year. Congratulations to him.

We had approximately 140 parents come to the Thanksgiving lunch.

Mr. Colee spoke briefly about the budget. An article in the Times Union says more budget cuts are coming. We already know that funding per student will be reduced state-wide as much as \$35.00 per student for this year. The stimulus money helped considerably, but it will disappear within 2 years. The class size amendment will cost at least an additional \$8,000,000 next year. 1.2 million for textbooks is predicted, FRS will cost 1.2 million, and other increases add a total of at least 15 million dollars in new expenditures next year. It is anticipated that under-funding from the state will continue to be a huge problem.

Sue Smith asked Mrs. Prodromides to request that SAC consider funding a projector bulb for Mr. Neal's projector. We will put that on the agenda for next time. Other funding may also be found for these according to Mr. Jenkins.

Third grade will have a portable laptop lab inherited from the fourth grade who received a new lab using the Gateway laptops that have been recycled from staff getting new laptops.

There will be no SAC meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 21, 2010.

Jeanette Booth moved to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Davis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.