

SAC Minutes

March 6th, 2023

6:30 PM in the Media Center

Mr. Little and Mr. Champagne welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves.

The minutes from last meeting were approved.

There was no old business

New Business:

Teacher appreciation week

- May 8 to 12
- Sign up.com for parents to donate items like themed baskets gift cards food etc.
- It was very successful last year.
- Last year teachers got raffle tickets for the baskets and there were daily prize drawings.
- Get sign up out and have all items submitted by May 3rd.

Textbook/media update: Ms. Wildman, Media Specialist

- SAC has to approve books now because of new legislation.
- Ms. Wildman only wants to purchase ESE books at this time called "Hi-Lo books."
- Hi-Lo books are made for students with high interest but low reading level.
- SAC unanimously approved the book list that Ms. Wildman was requesting approval for.
- Florida department of education has criteria for selecting library materials.
- Examples of book criteria: no pornography, age level appropriate, not harmful to minors
 - Harmful to minors: shameful interest, offensive, no serious value
 - Students should be able to comprehend the material and there should be educational purpose behind them.
- The district has a book review committee.
- Community members in manatee county can file a complaint about a book, which causes it to go under review.
- PCHS has a book that went through district review, and it was determined that any high school with the book can make their own decision on keeping or removing the book.
- Ms. Wildman made a committee for the school to review books.
- There can be parental consent for books.
- School districts are required to provide parents with access to all materials or books.

Freshman Forward: Mr. Champagne, Assistant Principal

- 25 students in the program
- Program aimed to get students caught up, so they are on top of credits and ready for 10th grade without needing summer school.
- Using Edgenuity for credit recovery.
- Pairing students with excited teachers who can motivate them and get them on track.

Principal's Update: Mr. Little

- Spring break around the corner
- Making sure to emphasize balance with the kids because they are taking on so much.
- Posting 3 positions for new teachers after spring break: math, guidance, social studies
 - New teachers are constantly moving into the area.
- 2,050 students
- Testing season is picking up again in the spring; working on getting staff prepared.
- Students are going to do mental health training in the spring (state mandated).
- Going to test all 9th and 10th FSA reading on one day.
- EF tours for going out of the country must be taken under careful consideration.
 - Schoolboard policy that teachers can't tell students about it at school.
- It was a difficult February and parents have been reaching out with support.
 - Accidents happen and sometimes measures are taken advantage of
 - Arrests were made and the scanners were on campus and the drama stopped.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Next meeting April 3rd, 2023, at 6:30 in the PCHS Media Center