

Palma Sola Elementary
School Advisory Council (SAC)
Thursday, August 29, 2019

Members present included:

Jennifer Grimes, Heather Cherry, Tabitha Hager, Melissa Mendiola, Erin Besaw, and Sally Tyson

Also in attendance:

Cori Rigney, Jessica Garcia, Jada Schopfer, Danielle and Jeremy Konieczny, Jack and Esther Creighton, Yeimi Sosa, Vanessa Stillman, Gemma Ramsey, Anastasia Haralauyopoulos, Teresa Strunk, Erin Rainer, Maren Shaw, Chris Edwards, Kristen Hamlin, and Michele Pannell-Miller

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Mrs. Grimes, the school principal. She introduced the Assistant Principal, Heather Cherry and the SAC chair, Erin Besaw.

Mrs. Grimes welcomed everyone including the Guest Speaker, Alicia Carrillo. Ms. Carrillo talked about the Palmetto Pocket and the plans to better serve the students and families there by re-zoning those students to Palmetto Elementary. There will be a committee that will be comprised of parents and teachers. The outcomes need to be determined by November as School Choice will start in December. The re-zoning will begin in August 2020. King Middle School students from Palmetto will attend Palm View. It was mentioned that some students from the elementary level might go to Palm View since their middle school will be there. That would be a decision made at the District level. Ms. Carrillo explained that VPK is not a part of the K-12 Choice period. Choice will be all on-line and accessed through the Parent Portal starting this December.

Mrs. Grimes talked about the FSA scores and the school grade. Palma Sola went from a “C” in 2017-2018 to a “B” in 2018-2019. She said the goal for 2019-2020 is to return to an “A” school. She reviewed the numbers and percentages for Math, ELA, and Science. She noted that there was an increase in daily attendance. Attendance is stressed because students need to be in school to learn. The tardies and referrals also decreased from the prior year. The School District has three goals for this year and Mrs. Grimes made those the goals for this year at Palma Sola as well. The three goals are:

1. Communication (using Class Tag schoolwide)
2. Customer Service
3. School Grade “A” (The next SAC meeting will discuss the SIP Goals for Math, ELA, and Science.)

Mrs. Grimes discussed School Safety and Security. She explained that Safe Rooms are being implemented on the campus. The Safe Room is as the name implies. It is a safe place that someone can enter in the event of an Active Intruder on campus. Until someone enters based on the need to be safe, the Safe Room is unlocked. Once someone is in the room it can be locked/secured. Mrs. Grimes stressed that teachers are sharing with students what to do in the event of an emergency. That is way we are practicing all drills monthly, to stay calm and be prepared for all circumstances.

Mrs. Grimes shared that SAC elections will take place at the meeting next month. She said that every SAC has 10 members along with the Executive Committee of the school’s PTO. Parents, school staff and a community person are included in the SAC membership. She explained that the SAC deals mainly with curriculum issues, safety concerns, etc. There are least two items that will need to be voted on this year, the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the School Recognition Funds expenditure. She will reach out to those present that express an interest in serving on the SAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2019.