

Palma Sola Elementary
School Advisory Council (SAC)
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Members present included:

Jennifer Grimes, Tabitha Hager, Cori Rigney, Vanessa Stillman, Donna Lesch, Chris Edwards, Brett Hubbard, Michele Pannell-Miller, and Sally Tyson

Also in attendance: Erin Rainer

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Mrs. Grimes, the school principal. She welcomed everyone and asked them to review the minutes from the September 26th SAC meeting. Tabitha Hager made a motion to approve the minutes and Cori Rigney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

Mrs. Grimes talked about the school Safe Learning Environment. Every school has a Threat Assessment Team (TAT). This is mandated by the State of Florida. After every monthly lockdown/intruder drill, the TAT will meet to discuss what needs to be looked at for additional safety. The TAT will also discuss any student, parent, neighbor, etc. that might pose a threat to the campus. Notes from the meeting are submitted to the District. All TAT members must attend training. Every staff member had two trainings. The first was “Run, Hide, Fight and the second was emotional relationships; looking for signs of trouble or trauma. The Guardian sweeps the campus daily making sure the doors are locked. All classrooms have safe corners, closets, or bathrooms to remain out of sight. If any students must leave campus due to an emergency, they will be accompanied by an adult.

Mrs. Grimes provided a staffing update. Palma Sola has five open positions; one 8-hour custodian (job offered), two ESOL aides (must read, write, and speak in both languages), two ESE aides. Every classroom has a full-time certified teacher.

Mrs. Grimes gave a financial expenditures update. The Millage funds provided the District with increased salaries for employees and additional funds for school materials. The funds can be used for remediation, science, technology, planning days and additional supplemental materials. Grade levels will have Team Planning Days (1 per semester), 4th grade requested Science materials, KG & 1st grade requested additional reading program materials, 3 additional teacher laptops will be purchased, 2nd grade will receive Words Their Way. Brett Hubbard emphasized the need for the team planning days. They are truly beneficial. The Remediation funds are intended to support students that need remediation or help keep students from needing remediation. 3rd grade will receive FSA Practice Books and Science A-Z will be purchased for grades 3rd-5th. The remaining funds will be used for a substitute for 2-3 days per week for January – April. Additional needs from teachers, using the SIP funds, will be discussed at the January meeting. She shared that the School District has a plan for every classroom in every school has the latest technology, which includes SmartBoards. The secondary schools are being outfitted this year and the primary schools should be receiving new technology next year.

In closing, Mrs. Grimes reminded everyone about the upcoming SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS that will be held at the Civic Center on November 13th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. It is an opportunity for families to learn more about the culture and climate at each school. It may be particularly helpful for families with students moving from elementary school to middle school.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020.