

SAC Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 5:30 pm
Myakka City Elementary School, PD Room

1. Meeting called to order by Whitney Koch, SAC Chair at 5:34 pm.
2. A Quorum was determined by Whitney Koch, SAC Chair, with 8 voting members present.
3. Introductions and Welcome: Carol Ricks, Principal
4. SAC Chair, Whitney Koch, made a motion to amend the agenda to add two items:
 - a. Replace Community Member Laurie Dupuy, who decided to resign, with Tammy Parks at the recommendation of Principal Carol Ricks.
 - b. A media center book order to be approved/ordered by Media Specialist, Beth Wood, with funds from the Book Fair and a grant Mrs. Wood received. A list of the books was available for all members to review. Ashley Albritton motioned to approve both items, seconded by Morgan Smith. Motion was approved by all members.
5. Reading and adoption of November 2023 SAC Minutes: Ginny Marines made a motion to approve seconded by Morgan Smith. Minutes were approved as written.
6. Principal's Report-Carol Ricks:
 - a. Mrs. Ricks reviewed current data for the school. Students took the FAST 2 after Christmas Break and results show we have room to grow. Mrs. Ricks will begin teaching students how to interpret their own test scores for a better understanding of where and how they need to improve to be on grade level. The biggest area of concern is our L25 students who did not show growth. Mrs. Ricks has turned in an action plan to the district to show how she plans to turn these students around. Mrs. Ricks and Mrs. Bickel-Perry are teaching math to a group of 4th grade students, to make math groups smaller for 4th grade teachers. Reading and Math groups have been added for extra support to the lower students. 3-5th graders will have to take ownership and show growth in order to be in the morning clubs or an ambassador for the remainder of the school year.
 - b. 24-25 Planning: Mrs. Ricks shared planning for the next school year has begun. She sent a survey to staff members and will use the feedback for planning next school year.
 - c. Primary Behavior: Mrs. Ricks stated there has been an increase in disruptive and disrespectful behaviors in the lower grade levels. It is impacting the other student's learning environment. Letters have gone home addressing the issues letting parents know students will be held accountable for their behaviors.

- d. All Pro Dads: Kali Anges has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Tara Elementary. We have hired Leslie Jones as our new Student Support Specialist. Mrs. Hennessy Seguin has taken over the All-Pro Dads. Unfortunately, attendance has been very low, and we will be doing a contest for the class with the highest attendance as an incentive.
 - e. Parking Lot Expansion: Mrs. Ricks heard back from the district and MCES is on the Capital Plan for a 25-26 remodel and will include a parking expansion at that time.
7. Safety & Security: Betsy-Bickel Perry, Assistant Principal:
- a. Student Issues/Threat Assessment: If a child says anything regarding hurting themselves or someone else, the school must perform a Threat Assessment. Mrs. Bickel-Perry explained the process and encouraged anyone with questions to reach out to her.
8. Avenue 941 (Virtual Presentation) Brenda Critchfield, Director of Avenue 941: Mrs. Critchfield was previously a Title 1 teacher at Lee Middle School. She gave an overview of the program and the benefits they see in other areas of the county. The goal is to partner with churches in our area to provide free tutoring and counseling. It is academically driven with a Christian foundation. 83% of their current students showed growth since being involved. Mrs. Ricks would really like to see this in Myakka City and believes it would greatly benefit students at the middle and high school levels. She plans to meet with local area pastors.
9. Concerns/Future Meeting Topics: Whitney Koch, SAC Chair:
- a. Amber Stewart was nominated to fill an open parent member. Mrs. Stewart accepted the nomination, all members approved.
 - b. Mrs. Ricks would like to discuss attendance issues at the next meeting and have Mrs. Debbie Veldkamp, School Counselor, speak.
10. Next Meeting Confirmation/Adjournment: Whitney Koch, SAC Chair. The next SAC meeting will be April 30, 20204. Gena Case made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Ashley Albritton. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.