

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

October 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

Meeting Agenda– Welcome, Review SAC minutes, Principal update (Technology, SIP & SAC paperwork, School Data Update), Questions, PTO Update

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members Present: Nadia Wood (SAC Chair), Jeffrey Wilson (SAC Co-Chair), Amber Maltby (Secretary), Jen Franczyk, Martha Fleming, Beth Cendere, Jessica Esposito, Gisella Lopez, Wilmaura Nieves

Voting Members Absent: None

Active Participants: Guy Grimes (Principal), Michele Danowski (Vice-Principal), Jennifer Smith

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Welcome & Call to Order

- a) September meeting notes reviewed and voted to be published- unanimously

2) Principal Update

a) Technology

- Dr. Grimes gave update on “Virtual Room” – The goal of creating a full virtual room using a classroom and providing virtual goggles for 20-30 children.
- A bid is out for the goggles to compare to Google pricing and there will be a price ready to be given at the November SAC meeting.

b) SIP and SAC paperwork

- SIP paperwork was approved, and final paperwork was signed 10/26/2021 placing Freedom Elementary SIP plan in place for 2021/2022 school year.

c) School Data Update

- Freedom students grades 3-5, have shown significant gains in Math, ELA, and Science (5th grade) showing above the curve in sufficiency.
- Math benchmarks have all three grades above the district percentile, and all grades beginning the year with higher percentile benchmarks than ending the previous school year.
- January and February will be testing for 5th grade to give a snapshot of areas to focus on and review.
- Final testing will be end of March/beginning of April 2022
- **District Update- Nadia Wood** – Creating a standing item for SAC meetings being reviewing District communications to “Key Communicators” (President of SAC); The item for this month is highlighting that 7 of our Manatee County Seniors are finalists for National Merit Scholarships – this has been historically offered to only 1 Senior in

Manatee County, and the top 1.5 % of high school seniors in the US. This is an honor and outstanding achievement for Manatee County.

3) PTO Update

a) SAC Voting on behalf of the PTO to grant funds to requested items from teachers and staff.

- 5th Grade Request – Includes Entire School – Math component of Generation Genius – Cost: \$550/year – Unanimous vote in favor of granting funds from PTO.
- Mrs. Muckefuse – Includes grades 3-5 – Purchase “Brag Tags” for students that complete their reading goals. Several of these students will go on to compete in Manatee County Battle of the Books. Last year Freedom won in the elementary school Battle.– Cost: \$204.03 _ Unanimous vote in favor of granting funds from PTO.
- 5th Grade Roberts Request – Includes 5th grade only – 48 total “Best Standards” books. 8 copies of 6 titles for the 2022/2023 school year to allow the upcoming students to transition fluidly out of the Common Core Curriculum – Cost: \$324.80 – Unanimous vote in favor of granting funds from PTO.

4) Questions/Last Items

- Next meeting will be November 30th @6:30pm in the cafeteria, followed by a PTO meeting.
- Cover parking lot pavement – potholes be filled before next meeting (over Thanksgiving Break)

5) ADJOURNMENT – meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm