

## **SAC Minutes**

August 15, 2011

The vision of Palm Harbor University High School is to provide a learning environment that results in a graduation rate of 100% each year.

The mission of Palm Harbor University High School is to educate all students by using effective systems that promote lifelong learning.

### **Members present:**

Scott Applebaum, Robert Bentz, Susan Bryce, Bill Carman, Conferlete Carney, Doreen Chonko, Connie Hale, Malla Kolhoff, Linda Martin, Johanna Moseley, Judy Pocklington, Steve Price, Christen Tonry

Committee Chair Scott Applebaum called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Malla Kolhoff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tonry, that we change the order of proceedings because of the guest speaker's time constraints.

SAC member, Dr. Conferlette Carney introduced Alisha Vitale from St. Petersburg College who spoke about implementing the Post Secondary Educational Readiness Test. Senate Bill 1908 & House Bill 1255 mandate that all students must be tested for post secondary readiness as measured by the SAT, ACT or the common placement test. There are 2 kinds of College Placement Tests (CPT's): PERT and Accuplacer. It tests math, reading and writing proficiency. Sept. 19, 2011 is the test date for all Pinellas students applying for credit at SPC as dual enrollment or as high school graduates. PERT takes longer, but is less expensive to administer than Accuplacer. If a Math score is high enough, a student will be offered the higher level math CPT for free. For more information, study guides or sample exams consult [www.spcollege.edu/cpt](http://www.spcollege.edu/cpt) or contact Ms. Vitale by email at [VITALE.ALISHA@SPCOLLEGE.EDU](mailto:VITALE.ALISHA@SPCOLLEGE.EDU).

### **Minutes**

Malla Kolhoff moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting without changes. This motion was seconded by Doreen Chonko and approved by the members.

### **SAC Roster Update**

We need one or 2 additional members. In order to reflect our community population, Asian representatives would be given preference. Ms. Tonry welcomed Susan Bryce returning to SAC committee this year. Our two student representatives will be selected from the Student Government this fall.

### **Principal Update**

PHUHS now has 2,600 students. This is an addition of 200 students. There are 5 new portables, but no electricity or furniture. Due to the portables not being ready a few teachers will have to float or use an alternate location until power is hooked up by Progress Energy. Due to increased enrollment PHUHS is need of more textbooks and we are currently working with the PCS to obtain more. PHUHS earned 612 points in the first half of the school grade calculation. The school also raised the "lowest 25%" in reading up to 53% of students making gains. Based on the above information it is predicted that PHUHS will earn an A grade from the State of Florida. The State has identified a new sub group at PHUHS, Hispanic in addition to Economically Disadvantage, a sub group that was previously identified. Teachers returned to school today and Ms. Tonry is looking forward to a great year.

**PTSA Report** was omitted because no representative was in attendance.

### **Guest Speaker Ideas**

Navigating the timeline for college application process - jointly with PTSA.

FLVS/PVS - requirement for incoming freshmen to take at least one on-line course

Media Center resources

School Board Representative Robin Wikle.

Steve Schwartzel

### **Open Discussion**

Legislative session questions will be accepted from SAC members by email and submitted as a group.

The annual PTA Workshop is Sept. 17, 2011 at Pinellas Park High School  
“Back to School Press Conference” at Countryside High School Aug 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 10am.

School Board Work Shop Aug. 23, 2011

List of Meeting Dates for this year (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month) will follow.

Ms. Tonry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. This was seconded by Doreen Chonko and approved.

The next meeting is September 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the PHUHS Media Center.

Submitted by Connie Hale, secretary.