

SAC Minutes

November 8, 2010

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, JD Cattel, Doreen Chonko, Malla Kolhoff, JunoLee, Kathi Lettre, Christine Lowry, Linda Martin, Garrett Mastronardi, Carol McDaniel, Johanna Moseley, Judy Pocklington, Christen Tonry, Connie Hale, Steve Price, Conferlete Carney.

Chair JD Cattel called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Doreen Chonko moved the minutes from the August meeting be approved. It was seconded and approved.

Motion made by Chris Lowry to adjust Agenda for Andrea Weaver to speak first as she had a prior engagement with the Cub Scouts to attend. It was seconded and approved.

SIP/BY Laws: Andrea Weaver asked if everyone had received the 2010 updated SIP. No one had received it. Kathi will e-mail Andrea SAC members e-mails so she can get it out to everyone. "It is done." However, SIP will remain a work in progress, as adjustments will be made as the year goes on. There were many more goals this year (12-15) SAC committee will have more involvement and input into it. Along with parental involvement (Parents will form a committee from SAC) Chris Lowry made the suggestion that it would be great to have one member from the SIP Team at SAC meetings. SIP will be added to the monthly agenda.

Guest Speaker: Steve Swartzel Director Govt Services and Special Projects: Steve has been a legislative lobbyist for PCSB for 20 years. He lives in Tallahassee for 4 months out of the year. Reported that A+ money had been cut and jobs were lost. Staff was not laid off, instead they were given different positions. Doreen Chonko spoke of her position as Media Specialist being cut from two Specialist's to one. She and Barbara Dirshell are now teaching in the IB program. Mr. Swartzel said it was possible that those positions would be restored in the future. Discussed Race to the Top money (4 million) upcoming projects in the district. Took questions from 7:00-7:15 p.m.

Student Report: Garrett reported that Homecoming was a success, however they ran out of water. It seems the new band director is well liked by the students. He reported that there are problems with student parking. Many have to park in the overflow lot, which makes them late for classes. Can something be done? It seems that Building 4 bathrooms lack soap and paper towels. IB students are speaking out against the possible move to Countryside HS.

Principal's Report: Christen introduced new SAC Member Conferlete Carney from SPC. Connie Hale and Bill Carman are new parent reps. PSAT's will be on Wednesday (10/13). FCAT retakes will be next

Monday and Tuesday (10/18 and 10/19) On November 5th and 6th NOK (Not Our Kids) will be making presentations in all grade levels on addiction and signs of drug overdose.

Community School: Ms. Lowry reported that the Community School is accepting donations in all their Service Projects. Proud of To My Site visits in Adult Education.

PTSA: November 18th Pinellas County PTA Council will be holding their meeting in the Auditorium at PHUHS at 7:00 pm. NOK will be making a presentation. Collecting clothes for Clothes to Kids on October 27, 28 and 29 from 6:30 to 7:15 AM. They are in great need of boys jeans and socks. Pie and bread sale will be November 8-12, a notice will be sent home with students. Hospitality is working on a breakfast for the Staff. Reflections theme this year is "Together We Can"

Drug Prevention Program Update: Johanna Moseley reported that NOK (Not our Kids) informational and support group is having a contest to design a logo for NOK to use on banners at games and school functions. The contest is open to all students of PHUHS. The winner will receive a gift card.

Relocation of IB to Countryside HS: It was reported that Dr. Janssen held a meeting concerning the proposal to move the IB program to Countryside HS last Monday (10/04/10) Much activity going on concerning the proposed move. Juno Lee (student) sent out an e-mail to SAC members voicing his concern and opinion of the move. Bob Bentz would like to see SAC take a stand and send a letter to Dr. Janssen. JD Cattel, Johanna Moseley, Bill Feininger, and Bob Bentz volunteered to form a committee to compose a letter ASAP to send to Dr. Janssen and the school board voicing our concerns. Much discussion ensued.

Open Discussion: Discussion resumed over IB move.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Applebaum and seconded by Christen Tonry

There will be no SAC meeting for the month of December.

Next meeting date is January 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. PHUHS Media Center.

Submitted by Kathi Lettre, secretary