

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2011, 6:00-7:30
School Library

Agenda:

Convene

- Approval of Minutes: February Regular and March Special Meetings
- Director's Report
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
 - + Status of 2011-12 Open SAC Positions (if appropriate)
 - + Election of 2011-12 Officers (if appropriate)
- New Business
 - + Set Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Members Present: Ronnie DeNoia, Sharon Morell, DeVonna Craner, John Mays, Carol Dierksen, Greg Mellowe, and Carrin Hahn

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Greg Mellowe called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved with no corrections.

LECS Director's Report, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

Finances:

- The Foundation has \$47, 095. Ronnie said that she needs that number to start going up again because the Foundation has to pay Lake Eola Charter School back \$1,000 a month since it fronted the money to buy the building.

Miscellaneous

- Field trips are over and all of them went well.
- 8th grade graduation was very nice, and Bob did a great job on the video as usual.
- 5th grade had its promotion ceremony.
- FCAT scores are in, and Ronnie read aloud the percentages for each grade that took the tests. She pointed out that in spite of the dips in some of the grades, those classes are still in the top 10% in the county or rank in the top 20 schools in the county. There was some

discussion about the dip in the 6th grade math scores. Ronnie said that she and Joe have been talking about getting a new 6th grade book because there are gaps in it. She thinks that a statistician in Tallahassee must be able to see that for several years the trend has been for the 6th grade scores to dip, so there must be something wrong with that test. In science, 5th grade tied for 10th, with the highest scores yet. The 8th graders tied for 4th.

- Ronnie said she felt that she had to mention the DaVinci scores since some people have said unkind things about the school and its students.
- Ronnie confirmed that the parents on SAC received a letter from the Board of Directors about bullying. She briefly told about a parent going to the Board meeting and how the letter and the new policies are the result of that parent's meeting with the Board. She shared that a committee will be formed to come up with very specific examples of what bullying is and what the consequences will be for each offense. Carol said she would be the SAC representative/parent on the committee. Ronnie said that Jillian Friedman talked to her about restarting the Character Education class in middle school. Ronnie said that there is some pushback from some of the parents, and she referenced some of the things she has heard from those parents, such as "Boys will be boys." and "If my children weren't here, this school would be boring." Carol said she is glad to know that Ronnie is defining bullying and how it is different from kids just being mean to other kids. Ronnie said that some of the changes for next year include: a new name for the directory (it will be called the Student/Parent Handbook); two PTSA funded assemblies for the different ages; a program for the staff to learn how to deal with reports of possible bullying; possible peer mediators for conflict resolution; and a restructured discipline policy. Carol said that she could design a program and offered an example or two. Ronnie said she is interested in a time-tested and recommended program, so Carol could get in touch with Ronnie about a program.
- Greg thanked Ronnie for filling the vacuum about bullying, and he said he was glad that Ronnie was responding so quickly. He offered a comment about how he thinks that the climate of Lake Eola Charter School is not changing cataclysmically, but that it is just a small group that will not change the school. He also said that he thinks the population is changing at the school, so that might account for some of the FCAT scores. Ronnie said that there is a transition time as those students become used to the standards and expectations here.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John said he had nothing to report. He said there were not enough people signed up to do the last clean up, so it was canceled.
- Ronnie said that the school passes its asbestos report, which was exciting news. The renovations over the summer will include new paint, new tiles, and new carpet.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna said that there have been two Family Fun Nights since the last meeting. Sharon

looked, and the first check that came in was for \$173.89. There should be another check on the way.

- DeVonna also said that there are two other restaurants that are interested in being partners. One of them is Chilly Spoons. She will look into those restaurants for next year.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said that she had nothing to report.
- Sharon said that Mr. Burcham, the Fencing instructor, told her that he most likely wouldn't be back next year as he is trying to get a job as a lounge singer on a cruise line.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe

- Greg said he had talked to Jillian, and she said that Cluster 3 is still talking about changing the rubric grading to numbers, but they haven't decided if they will do it or do it for everyone.
- Ronnie said there is an issue with the Spanish classes. She wants to be able to offer Spanish for high school credit, and that means the students need to be in a class for a certain amount of minutes. In order to reach the number of minutes, the students would need to miss PE. Ronnie is still trying to figure out how to allow the students to have the extra time for Spanish without making them miss PE.
- Ronnie also said that there are still issues with Boone High School accepting science classes for credit to allow the Lake Eola Charter School students to take certain classes there. She said that it was helpful for Joey Demyan to recode the algebra class so that students receive credit for it, so they might have to look into doing something similar for the science classes.
- There was some discussion about the End of Course exams. Ronnie clarified some things, such as this year was a baseline test and the scores won't count as heavily on the students' grades.

Fund Raising, reported by Ronnie De Noia

- Ronnie said that they made about \$8,500 from the Online Auction. Ronnie said that will be enough to pay for the arts program. Carrin said she forwarded Ronnie information about a potential music teacher. Carol asked if Ronnie had looked into A Gift for Music. Ronnie said no, so Carol is going to send her the information.

Old Business

- The next item was the two open seats for Business Partners and Facilities and Technology. There was discussion about the protocol of DeVonna and Ronnie basically exchanging chairperson's seats. Sharon said that Ronnie could resign and DeVonna could be appointed as the Fundraising Chair, and Ronnie resigned. Then Sharon made a motion

that SAC appoint DeVonna Craner to finish out the term vacated by Ronnie. That motion passed. Sharon then made a motion that SAC appoint Ronnie DeNoia as the Business Partners Chair as to such time as SAC could appoint someone else. This motion also passed.

- Greg asked John if he would stay in his position as Facilities and Technology Chair. John said he would, so Sharon made a motion that SAC appoint John Mays as the Facilities and Technology Chair for two years.
- Greg will stay on the Curriculum Committee as a community member.
- There was a little bit of discussion about the Chair and Vice Chair of SAC positions and about the fact that there was not a Nominating Committee. In the end, Sharon motioned that Greg Mellowe and Carol Dierksen maintain the Chair and Vice Chair of SAC positions respectively for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion passed.

New Business

- The 2011-2012 SAC calendar will include meetings in the months of September, November, January, March, and May. Ronnie will work on the dates and post that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, in the school library.