

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009, 6:00-7:10
School Library

Agenda:

Minutes
Director's report
Committee reports
Old Business
New Business

Members Present: Ronnie DeNoia, Carol Dierksen, Greg Mellowe, DeVonna Craner, Jillian Friedman, and Carrin Hahn

Members Absent: Sharon Morell and John Mays

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Carol Dierksen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The minutes from May were approved.

LECS Director's Report, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia

Building:

Tomorrow from 2-4 is the DBC walk-through so that final preparations can be made for renovation plans for the building. There has been a final proposal presented, a verbal agreement and now a lawyer will be called in to draft an official contract.

Finances:

Foundation went a bit over the \$96,325.52

Miscellaneous

- There will be summer school (many teachers have said they will teach)
- 5/15 KSC 2nd Grade
- 5/18 School Improvement Plan Committee meeting
- 5/19 HS Meeting

- 5/20 Board Meeting
- 5/21 Holes
- 5/22 Busch Gardens
- 5/29 EPCOT, IOA, Sea World, 8th Grade Luncheon, Build A Bear
- 6/1 5th Grade Promotion
- Mission Statement
- Ronnie gave kudos to Jillian for FCAT writing scores (2nd in the County) and to Michele for the 15% increase in her scores

Fund Raising

May 30, 6-9, Finnhenry's on Orange for LECS basket Silent Auction. Items for on-line auction coming in every day! Over 4,000 on the online auction

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee, reported by Jillian Friedman and Greg Mellowe

- Jillian said that Mrs. Joerg created the social studies and science report cards for the proposed two-year cycle. Jillian briefly went over how the benchmarks are compressed. Jillian made a motion that the Curriculum Committee would propose collapsing the social studies and science curriculum into a two-year cycle from a three-year cycle. DeVonna seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- Greg said he didn't have the guidelines he wanted to have to today's meeting. He will work on them for the next meeting.
- Jillian said that she spoke to Ronnie about some concerns with the retention policy. Ronnie thinks there needs to be some clarification about what happens at each retention meeting. She also thinks there is a glitch about what happens if a student is added to the list after the 2nd trimester because this might be too late to hold open spots since it is so close to the lottery. There was discussion about if there is time for a Cluster 3 teacher meeting between the time the report cards are done and the date of the lottery. Jillian said that the retention policy was left general in some areas so that the teachers could make decisions about what is in the student's best interest (i.e., there is no set rule that says that the child must be failing more than one class to be retained). Ronnie asked Jillian to survey the Cluster 2 and Cluster 3 teachers to find out their opinions about the clarity of the retention policy. Ronnie said she is looking for some paperwork/writing to use as backup to show the parents that each meeting should be taken seriously and that parents need to do their part to help the students make improvements.

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol said that Mrs. Stuckey, the craft club teacher, only wants to teach one day a week. Carol will find out which day and which age group she is willing to teach.

Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner

- DeVonna had nothing to report.

Fundraising, reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Ronnie said that the online auction has collected over \$4,000 so far, and the auction is not even half way done. 53% of the items have bids on them.
- The in-person Silent Auction is set for May 30 at Finn Henry's. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, and that information should be going home soon.
- Carol is putting together the basket for her daughter's homeroom, and she called all of the parents. Ronnie would love it if all of the parents-in-charge could call everyone to ask about sending in donations.

Old Business

- Greg asked if another word could be used on the mission statement instead of "differentiated". Ronnie said it could not be changed because the new mission statement has been approved by the Board.

New Business

- DeVonna had the Mid-Term School Improvement Plan to present. She decided to put it on the agenda for the June meeting since Sharon wasn't at this meeting.
- DeVonna also reported that Mrs. Newell agreed to be the new parent liaison for next year, and she suggested that Ronnie contact Mrs. Newell. Susan Lynch is going to join the School Improvement Plan Committee.

Greg had two questions. He asked how the school is doing financially. Ronnie said the school is running on a positive cash flow, but LECS cannot afford to take any more cuts. He was also wondering if there has been any news about any families needing help financially. Ronnie said that there hasn't been any noticeable increase in the number of parents requesting scholarships for field trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, in the school library.

