

Fruit Cove Middle School  
 SAC Minutes – November 18, 2014  
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Attendance	Absent	Non-Voting Present
Julie Hirsch Amanda Gaus Lynn O'Connor Lauren Calabrese Michael Longstreet Cindy Tranquellino Julianne Player Donna Calhoun Arleen Fontaine Kristen Lord Ann Nguyen Thanh Nguyen Kathy Gilmore	Karl Rogers	Sandra McNerney Cheryl Heymann Jay DiMartino

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the FCMS School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on November 18, 2014. Chair Julie Hirsch called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Amanda Gaus will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014 by Donna Calhoun, Lauren Calabrese seconds, passed by consensus.

**Old Business:**

- Current SAC recognition funds balance \$10,380.96
- School recognition funds balance \$10,688.96

**New Business:**

- Classroom fly-by feature: Cheryl Heymann’s advanced reading class was featured. The purpose of the advanced reading class is to increase reading fluency and endurance. She discussed the fact that the course is considered rigorous and is 51% virtual instruction. Her class also features the ReadingPlus program, independent reading, and reflection. The course is not content driven, instead it is focused on reading and literacy skills. Students are constantly being challenged to think as they read. Students are currently reading the Hunger Games to discuss societal issues, intrinsic motivation, ethics, and life dilemmas. 800 FCMS students are currently enrolled in the course. Mrs. Heymann expressed that the student’s favorite part of the course is the ReadingPlus program. Students have also been able to participate in SPA (story, poems, articles) day. This is an opportunity for the students to share text what they discovered outside of the classroom.
- Funds Request: Sandy McNerney requested funds to renew our school wide subscription to the BrainPop website. The videos are a great feature to not only introduce new material, but also for students to review prior to taking assessments. The motion to approve the funds request was made by Thanh Nguyen, seconded by Ann Nguyen, and was passed by consensus.

Submitted by:

Amanda Gaus, Co-Chair/Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

- Summary of SAC/PTO quarterly meeting from Arleen Fontaine:
  - The TAG (Teaching and Growing) Museum will soon be opening behind the Target on US1
  - “Smart Snacks” in School will begin next year in St. John’s County
  - Social Media Update – each school can have one twitter account but no Facebook account
  - Dr. Joyner has released the 2015-2016 school year calendar and it is open for comment until November 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Dr. Joyner shared that the school board asked the state for an exemption period for consequences relating to the new testing until the next school year.

**Reports:**

Principal’s Report: Mrs. O’Connor discussed the 2015-2016 school calendar and encouraged SAC members to give their input on the district website. Mrs. O’Connor explained the acronyms that will be accompanying the semester exams that will begin in December. She also discussed the rest of the testing schedule that will begin on December 11<sup>th</sup> (testing schedule has been posted on the FCMS website). Mrs. O’Connor presented a funds request to purchase the TTM (Think Through Math) program for the intensive math classes. Cost of the program will be \$3,230 for a year’s subscription for 101 FCMS intensive math students. Lauren Calabrese motions to pass the funds request, Kathy Gilmore seconds, and it passed by consensus.

**Good of the Group/Open Agenda:**

The December 16, 2014 meeting was discussed and the group decided to meet for a 9<sup>th</sup> 2014-2015 SAC meeting.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2014 at 3 pm in the Media Center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Julie Hirsch motions to adjourn the meeting, Donna Calhoun seconds, passed by consensus at 4:06 pm.

Submitted by:

Amanda Gaus, Co-Chair/Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_