

Fruit Cove Middle School  
SAC Monthly Meeting – September 22, 2009  
Location: Media Center, FCMS

**Attendance:**

Trisha Warner, voting member  
Steve McCormick, voting member  
Jarelis Haigler, voting member  
Cassie Hurst, voting member  
Eric Hurst, voting member  
Kathy Robinson, voting member  
Linda Barry, voting member  
Dr. Vick Mosteller, voting member  
Gretchen Hurley, voting member  
Annette Holt, voting member  
Pam Wiltse, voting member  
Shirley Maldonado, voting member  
Emily Harrison  
Jeannette Murphy

**Members Not Present**

Rhonda Davis, voting member  
Kathy Taylor, voting member  
Dan Sizemore, voting member  
Kim Brown, voting member  
Maria Martinez, voting member

Call to Order by Trisha Warner at 3:03 pm  
Recording officer: Jarelis Haigler

SAC funds available according to Pam Wiltse **\$8,531.16**

Motion to accept the minutes by Dr. Mosteller; Mrs. Barry seconds; **Approved.**

**Funds Request:**

Mrs. Sinardi, Mrs. Jaeger, and Mr. McCormick: **\$5,575.35** for updated computer lab workstations (half from A+ money and half from PTO). Will assist with goal of developing student's 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. This will access all students through progress monitoring; able to have 11 students working off of one workstation. Quick to have up and running; will allow the existing computers to go into classrooms.

Motion to approve fund request by Mr. Hurst; Mrs. Wiltse seconds; **Approved.**

**Superintendent Dr. Joyner's Report:**

Thank you for all of the work that is being done by this SAC committee.  
Here to answer any question. "State of the Schools" are great, but he likes face to face meetings more.

Update: highest risk for the school is budget. Statewide. 5year plan must be made to prepare; cuts have been made; shifts in schedules have been made but we are at the limit at not affecting the students directly. Cost avoidance 3 1/2 million dollars reduced energy costs 36%. Class by class implementation of the class size amendment next year at a ratio of 22:1 students:teacher. Constitutional amendment (voted in) . Difference in budget is going to have to be made up by the district (next year). Year after next is the loss of the stimulus dollars that we will have to deal with.

Economy in Florida will not recover quickly (sales tax, property tax). 5 ½% cut this year; 8 ½% next year.  
Capital budget is so drained we couldn't put together the money for a new school.

Savings account; 5 year budgets; but it will still go quickly.

FCAT is going online soon so it's good practice to test/monitor on the computers. Requirements are changing and we must be prepared; hang in there.

Class Size Amendment has consumed any additional money. "The state shall pay for class size" different to "The state shall fund". Question posed: What are the fines of violating vs. the cost of implementing the class size amendment? It will be a 1:1 ratio. You will not have funds for that 23<sup>rd</sup> student.

Cut electives or electives will balloon in size (not a core class). Higher classes or Higher Pay (same bucket of money). Revenue is down. Art band music Spanish computers could be done away with. PE is part of the mandate that must be offered. If additional revenue replacement is not seen, dramatic cuts will have to be made.

Strict requirements for proving residency in St. Johns County. Local tax payer is keeping funding to education afloat. When people don't live here, they aren't paying for it. If you know of anyone that should not be attending a St. John's County school, please let the district know so they can investigate.

Busing has to be strictly by the law. Excess 40% comes out of the classroom money. School schedules are the best case scenarios. High schools have to go first if they're going to have 7 period schedule. It's not the best but just a money issue.

Additional stresses are beginning to show up in classrooms. PTO and SAC can and are doing great things for teachers.

### **Reviewing the SAC bylaws:**

Have not been approved.

- Hold a minimum of 9 meetings per year. Changed to "8".
- Role of principal; omit the typo "of"
- Page 13 typo bullet 5
- #7 interrupt
- Page 14 needs to be differentiated. If an employee is involuntarily dismissed from the district, they will not be given the money .

Voting on bylaws is **tabled** until next meeting. Look at it with fresh eyes.

### **Announcement**

We need a Business Member. They would have the same voting rights as any parent or employee. If you can think of anyone that would be interested please contact, or have them contact, Trisha Warner.

### **School Advisory Council Training Presentation (highlights)**

- Absences cannot be excused (two unexcused consecutive absences) and member must be replaced. (Meet requirement for 5star award).
- Composition of our group does not meet the requirement for our economical disadvantaged.
- Needs assessment questions that we have to ask (must be verbatim).
- SAC budget used for student use and benefit (not capital).
- Part of our goal is to impact the school improvement plan (we ask for clarification).

### **Principal's Report- Mr. McCormick-**

**Tabled** remarks until next meeting due to time.

### **Items for next meeting:**

Budget Update  
Funds Request  
Principal's Report  
Voting on School Improvement Plan  
Voting on Bylaws

Meeting closed at 4:08 pm.