

**Fruit Cove Middle School Advisory Council Meeting  
May 13, 2025**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Non-Voting Member</b>
Kelly Jacobson	x		x
Adrienne Hilts			
Tee'ha Carroll	x	x	
Keysha Dixon			
Keiysha Cornell	x	x	
Amandia Carnahan			
Tanesha Arthur			
Stephanie Behar			
Bryon Jay			
Dorinda Geans-Jay			
James Chen	x	X	
Tamilla Dow	x	X	
Michael McCarthy	x	X	
Annie Moran	x	x	
Deborah Wiley			
Rachel Sandler	x	x	
Chelsea Knowles			
Teresa Mendoza			
Jenna Yow			
Vicki Barfoot			

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 2:32 PM. Quorum is present.

**Reminders:** Please be sure to sign in.

**Old Business- T. Carroll**

- SRF: \$8,561.31
- SAC: \$10,082.48

## **New Business- T. Carroll**

- T. Carroll shared April 2025 minutes and reviewed key details of last month's meeting... T. Dow motioned to approve minutes, T. Carroll seconded motion. Minutes from April 2025 approved.
- T. Carroll reviewed SAC balances: SAC \$10,082.00 & SRF \$8,561.31, and Mrs. Jacobson would like to request funds to be used for technology. Laptops frequently need to be replaced. Mrs. Jacobson requests \$10,000.00 to be used for the purchase of new laptops to be used for students in the classroom. R. Sandler motioned to approve SAC request and K. Cornell seconded the motion. All in favor of the approval of \$10,000.00 SAC fund request from Mrs. Jacobson.
- Mrs. Jacobson reviewed the SAC parent / staff survey results. The positive feedback is that parents scored mostly yes in the area that their child is receiving a quality education. Parents and staff scored mostly yes in safety; students feel safe while at school. School rules apply equally to all students is another positive area reflecting within the survey results. The use of technology and students using technology to complete assignments in school is another area that shows positive feedback. Communication is an area of the survey which has responses of sometimes given for effective procedures in place for school communication. Mrs. Jacobson mentions that communication can always be improved. Mrs. Jacobson mentions there are many forms of communication such as emailing, newsletters, and the FCM school website. Mrs. Jacobson mentions that FCM's turnover in staff was the lowest in the school district. Three staff members did not return due to retirement, relocating, and going back to school. Overall, FCM is proud of the survey results. McCarthy asked, "Is there a fee associated with school lockers?" K. Jacobson responded, "No, because our students supply their own locks." Mrs. Jacobson mentioned that lockers are offered, and we currently have approximately 20 lockers issued for the current school year.
- T. Carroll displayed and reviewed the voting ballot for SRF distribution. The voting results have been obtained. T. Carroll explained the results of the votes. 49/100 votes were collected. 44/100 staff members voted for option #1: 100% Bonus will be split according to the above criteria between FCMS 2024-2025 faculty and staff including administration, full-time, and part-time employees. 5/100 staff members voted for option #2: 90% Bonus will be split according to the above criteria between FCMS 2023-2024 faculty/staff, including administration, full-time, and part-time employees, with 10% Bonus given to SAC to spend according to School Improvement Plan. McCarthy asks, "Is it split equally?" T. Carroll replied, "Full time staff receive full share and part time staff receive half share." T. Dow asks, "Since the staff voted for option 1, then where does the SAC fund come from?" T. Carroll replied that she will be reaching the district for further clarification regarding the question. R. Sandler asked a follow up question regarding the concern for SAC's balance with SAC being left with few funds. Mrs. Jacobson mentioned that SAC budgets and school budgets depend on the state and legislation, but the school has different way or methods to make purchases. T. Carroll seeks SAC approval of the staff vote. R. Sandler motioned and K. Cornell seconded.

## **Principal's Update – K. Jacobson**

- It's a busy season! Testing has been in full swing and the scores are looking great! Mrs. Dill (FCM testing coordinator) does an excellent job building the testing schedule around student learning. Mrs. Jacobson gives a student and staff shout for silent hallway transitions.
- Yesterday, students were engaged in Holocaust guest survivor presentations.
- Tonight, is FCM's Wind Symphony Spring Concert and 5/20/25 will be FCM's Jazz ensemble.
- Tomorrow is FCM's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony. Over 150 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be honored with awards tomorrow.
- Friday is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gradventure and 5/29/25 is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day at school.
- This weekend FCM track team will be competing in their championship and FCM band will be supporting the team!
- It's been a great year!

Mrs. Jacobson asked SAC for any general or follow up questions. M. McCarthy asked about start times for next school year and asked if there is updated information regarding e-bikes. Mrs. Jacobson responded that the school start time will not change, and she is aware that SJSO (St Johns Sherriff's Office) has been involved but she has not received any updated communication regarding e-bikes.

## **Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn was made by T. Carroll. McCarthy seconded.

**Meeting Convened: 3:05 PM**