

LYONS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

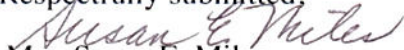
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SAC MINUTES



School Advisory Council Meeting, September 19, 2011 8:15 AM

<i>Topics Discussed</i>	<i>Decisions Summarized</i>
Welcome/Call to Order/Minutes	<p>Mrs. Dory Vega welcomed everyone and called the SAC meeting to order on 8:15 a.m. on September 19, 2011.</p> <p>The following papers were distributed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agenda2. Minutes of the SAC Meeting on August 29, 2011.3. Proposed budget for LCMS's Saturday Recovery and Detention 2011-2012.
New Business: Nominations New Members	<p>Mrs. Dory Vega invited parents to become a SAC member and fill the following four positions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ESE Parent2. ESOL Parent3. Community Representative4. Co-chair <p>Mrs. Dory Vega suggested that Mrs. Christy Maynard consider being the Co-chair of SAC.</p>
New Business: Requests	<p>Dr. Thomas Howard thanked everyone for their support in being a team. He discussed the Saturday Recovery & Detention programs' costs for 2011-2012. He requested that \$7,465.50 be spent from the \$10,000 from the accountability funds our school has been given (but will be lowered because our FTE is lower than the projected enrollment.) A motion was passed and the SAC members voted to approve a budget of \$7,465.50 to fund the 21 Saturdays (October 1, 2011 – June 2, 2012) for Saturday Recovery and Saturday Detentions.</p>
New Business: Monarch Innovation Zone Family Night	<p>Dr. Thomas Howard invited everyone to the Monarch Innovation Zone Family Night that we are hosting at Lyons Creek Middle on October 13, 2011. The I-Zone business partners will have their tables set up for us to view from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the LCMS media center.</p>

New Principal Welcome: Dr. Ted Toomer	Dr. Ted Toomer reported that he was very happy to be here. He had an outstanding experience here as an assistant principal starting in 2003 before he became principal at Markham Elementary (which received an A because of his tremendous staff). He looks forward to reconnecting with the "old" and working with the new staff and parents.
New Business: A+ Committee Update: Date/Proposals	Mrs. Dory Vega recommended that we table the discussions concerning the distribution of the A+ funds to the staff of LCMS. The Department of Education has not come up with the financial report yet. Tabling this was approved until we receive the accountability number. The plans to distribute this money to the staff are not due until February 2012.
Department Report: Science Mrs. Amy Shumrak	Mrs. Amy Shumrak reported that science teachers will receive training on the iMacs Labs.
Department Report: Language Arts: Mrs. Karen Nussbaum	Mrs. Karen Nussbaum reported that: 1. The 8 th graders took the BAT Writing test. 2. This year's FCAT Writing test has a heavy concentration of "conventions".
Department Report: Social Studies: Mrs. Dory Vega	Mrs. Dory Vega reported that: 1. The Junior Achievement schedule for the 8 th graders is coming. 2. Career Visions will also be starting.
Department Report: Reading: Ms. Aileen Wolfe-Goldhirsh	Ms. Aileen Wolfe-Goldhirsh reported that: 1. The FAIR test is starting today. 2. They will be doing the Achieve 3000 program for ELL students (Title III).
Department Report: Guidance: Ms. Celeste Bernard	Ms. Celeste Bernard reported that: 1. The BAT tests for reading, math, and science were given last week. 2. They are working on a Course Recovery letter to the parents to get them engaged so that their child can attend Saturday Recovery or participate in Online Course Recovery.
Parental Concerns: Reading Classes	Mrs. Veronica Giugni requested that the gifted classes continue to have a reading class. She presented facts and statistics citing the benefits of reading classes. Mrs. Maxine Lewers, LCMS PTSA President, stated her strong feelings about doing away with reading classes on her child's gifted team. Dr. Ted Toomer asked for time to meet and do what's best for the school.
Calendar	September 22 Early Release September 23 INTERIMS September 29 No School October 11-14 Junior Achievement Finance Field Trip via 8 th grade History class
Adjournment	The SAC meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.
	Respectfully submitted,  Mrs. Susan E. Miles

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School Advisory Council Meeting, November 7, 2011 8:15 AM

<i>Topics Discussed</i>	<i>Decisions Summarized</i>
Welcome/Call to Order: Mrs. Dory Vega	<p>Mrs. Dory Vega welcomed everyone and called the SAC meeting to order on 8:18 a.m. on November 7, 2011.</p> <p>The following papers were distributed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agenda2. Minutes of the SAC Meeting on October 17, 2011.
Principal's Report: Dr. Ted Toomer	<p>Dr. Ted Toomer welcomed everyone to the SAC meeting. He reported that they are looking at the BAT scores with the teachers and students. Everyone is on task and focused on that.</p>
Introductions & SAC Minutes	<p>Mrs. Dory Vega reported that they have added the Department Heads as voting members for SAC. We have had 43% of our SAC composition composed of parents and 43% of SAC are staff. Dr. Thomas Howard added more parents/business partners to our SAC membership so that we now meet the 51% of our SAC composition as being parents.</p> <p>Mrs. Dory Vega introduced our new parent/business partner members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mrs. Patty Hale – PNC Bank (absent)2. Mr. Danniell Gryczka – Karate Zone3. Mr. William Majeski – Publix (absent)4. Mrs. Phyllis Vecchio – Innovation Zone representative.
New Business: Department Report: Science: Mrs. Amy Shumrak and Mr. Fabian Calero	<p>Mrs. Amy Shumrak introduced Mr. Fabian Calero who reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Science teachers are being trained so that they may use GIZMO with the students. It's an online math & science simulation so that the students get a deeper understanding of the concepts.2. They are also using the iMacs program with the students.3. They are doing BAT data chats with the students.4. Students from Nova University spoke to our students about tobacco last week.5. If students need to order science textbooks online, they can get that information from Mrs. Amy Shumrak.

<p>New Business: Department Report: Math: Mr. David Bernasconi</p>	<p>Mr. David Bernasconi reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Math teachers are being trained so that they may use GIZMO with the students. It's an online math & science simulation so that the students get a deeper understanding of the concepts. 2. They are doing BAT data chats with the students.
<p>New Business: Department Report: Language Arts: Mrs. Karen Nussbaum</p>	<p>Mrs. Karen Nussbaum reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The eighth graders will be taking the BAT II for Writing this week. 2. They are working on the vertical alignment between grade levels. They are also meeting with the high school.
<p>New Business: Department Report: Social Studies: Mrs. Dory Vega</p>	<p>Mrs. Dory Vega reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They are finished with the Career Visions (7 modules of the computer program) except for the make-ups and new students. 2. They are starting ePep. 3. They will show the parents at the next SAC meeting what ePep looks like.
<p>New Business: Department Report: Reading: Ms. Aileen Wolfe- Goldhirsh</p>	<p>Ms. Aileen Wolfe-Goldhirsh reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are participating in the Reading is Fundamental Read-a-thon for Literacy Month. That is where students document that they have read for 600 minutes during the month of November. The homeroom with the highest percentage of completion will receive a pizza party. 2. Other activities are planned such as a door decorating contest and teachers/staff talking about books on the morning show. 3. "Chill Out & Read" was started last week. Everyone in the school stops what they are doing and reads for 30 minutes at the specified day/time. 4. This year's 6th grade FCAT Reading will be online. 5. They have started a Reading Lab for most students. This uses Achieve 3000, Compass Odyssey, and FAIR testing. 6. Mrs. Karla Coto wanted to know why the students can't take Accelerated Reader tests at home anymore. Mrs. Susan Miles apologized for encouraging students to do that. She thought that was allowed since it's an Internet-based program. Renaissance Learning does not allow that. It's only for computers at school.
<p>New Business: Department Report: Unified Arts: Mr. Paul Barad</p>	<p>Mr. Paul Barad reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Ashley Golding's students conducted a canned food drive. They are doing the Adopt-A-Wish project now. Spirit Week will be in December. 2. Mr. John LaSpina's students are filming our veterans for a special presentation at our Veteran's Day breakfast. His students are also enjoying working with a Green Screen. 3. Mr. Milton Dalley's students are having lab orientation. 4. Mr. Jim Hammond's Advanced Band will be performing on November 12th at the Promenade for the Holiday tree lighting. The Jazz Band will be performing at the Multicultural Night at LCMS on November 17th. 5. Mrs. Janelle Ribaud's students are learning about perspective. 6. Students in P.E. are playing basketball and participating in track

<p>New Business: Department Report: ESE: Mrs. Louise Kopf</p>	<p>events. The Jump Rope for Heart is in January.</p> <p>7. The Spanish classes are learning about Texas, the Dominican Republic, and verbs.</p> <p>Mrs. Louise Kopf reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They are working with the Guidance Department to align the RTI (Response to Intervention) with our CORE team to get a cohesive way of helping students with academics and/or behavior. 2. Last month some ESE students did a wonderful job of decorating for the staff Halloween breakfast. They will also decorate for the future breakfasts. 3. Some ESE students will join Mrs. Laurie Martin's club after school. 4. They are trying to get a site license for the ESE students to use Achieve 3000 like the ELL students. 5. They will be participating in the Duke Challenge. Students may take the SAT or ACT in 7th grade. If they do well, they can participate in the Duke University program. 6. The Gifted Advisory Committee was held last month with our videoconferencing equipment. Six parents from different schools in the Monarch Zone attended. Mrs. Veronica Giugni invited all teachers and teachers of the gifted to attend. Their next videoconference meeting will be held on November 16, 2011.
<p>New Business: Department Report: Guidance: Ms. Celeste Bernard</p>	<p>Ms. Celeste Bernard reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Gateway to Drugs presentation for the 8th graders was excellent. The 7th graders are attending that presentation today. 2. Someone from the Suicide Prevention Office will be preparing our peer counselors in Ms. Ashley Golding's classes for mediations with students. 3. Mrs. Myra Brahms will be starting ePep this month with the eighth graders. 4. Ms. Celeste Bernard will do ePep with the seventh graders in January and February. 5. The BAT II test for Reading, Math, and Science will begin on November 29th instead of November 28th. There will be make-ups if they pick up the tests on Monday.
<p>New Business: Parental Concern:</p>	<p>A parent expressed concerns about whether or not the substitute that is teaching Ms. Stacey Andersen's previous students will become permanent. Mrs. Amy Shumrak did not know the answer to that, but assured the parent that she is giving the substitute her plans. She and Mrs. Tanisha Scott are making sure that the students are getting everything they need.</p>
<p>Calendar</p>	<p>November 11th Veteran's Day: No School November 12th Advanced Band plays at The Promenade November 17th 6:30-8 p.m. Multicultural Night & First Quarter Report Cards November 21-25th Thanksgiving Break</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The SAC meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully submitted, <i>Susan E. Miles</i> Mrs. Susan E. Miles</p>