

EHS-SAC Meeting April 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

In Attendance:

Parents: Elizabeth Washington, chair; Gretchen von Mering, Shirley Fregly, Shihui Fang, Andrea Beteit

EHS: Principal Jeff Charbonnet; Assistant Principals Antwanique Edwards and Adele Turnage; ESPs Dianna Payne and Saundra Scrivener; Teachers Coral Antony, Maria Zelaya, Amanda Otto, Alisha Williams, Sylvia Walker, Carol Faas.

Student: Amber Gillette

Community Members: Jeff Smith, Tarcha Rentz and Dr. Wiley Dixon

The Agenda and the Minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

Upcoming SAC vacancies:

SAC positions are two-year term commitments. There are two upcoming parent vacancies. Elizabeth Washington is willing to serve again. Five teacher positions are due to expire this year. Coral Antony, Sylvia Walker, Carol Faas and Maria Zelaya are willing to serve again. Sylvia Walker will conduct the elections for teachers aspiring to serve on SAC.

Budget Review:

The following expenditures were approved on a motion by Jeff Smith: \$7,617 for July salary for an assistant principal; \$4,061 to replace the projector in the auditorium; \$5,000 for furniture for the media center renovation; and \$5,000 for materials for the new robotics class. However, Coral Antony wanted to express a concern that SAC money should not be used to cover salaries. The school board has an obligation to cover salaries in their budget. Ms. Antony is concerned that EHS is setting a bad precedent.

Dr. Fang is concerned that the school board pays outside consultants large fees, and that it is possible to get consultants from UF for more reasonable fees.

Tarsha Rentz gave an update on the “Five for Change” lawsuit. The judges are now reviewing completed testimony. The state’s defense says that districts should raise taxes to pay salaries to reduce class sizes, and the state says that local boards do not spend their money wisely.

Ms. Rentz is also the new secretary of the county-wide Alachua County PTA.

The One Mill is coming up for re- election. Many faculty positions and 100% of our technology is funded by One Mill.

School Purpose Statement:

Dr. Wiley Dixon coordinated the SAC members in developing an improved School Purpose Statement, to be a focal point of our accreditation self evaluation. Three groups worked on aspects of the statements and then regrouped to present their ideas. These ideas will be taken to all the stakeholders for additional input (teachers, parents, students) to give everybody a chance to shape the statements.

Announcements:

A “Thank You Card” from Ms. Minniefield and her students was shared expressing gratitude for SAC support for funding science activities.

The EHS Band and the EHS Chorus both received Superior ratings in district competitions, and the band was rated superior at State.

SAC members thanked Dr. Dixon for helping with the Purpose Statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.