

Pelican Marsh Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes

02/25/16

4:00 PM

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SAC CHAIR	Valerie Weiss
PRINCPAL	Dr. Susan Barcellino
NOTIFICATION OF MEETING	2/25/16 Posted on Website and Sent via Email
MEMBERS PRESENT	<p>Susan Barcellino, Lianne Elliott, Valerie Weiss, Christianne Arthur, Dennis Joseph, Cheryl Malick, Peter Paddock, Michelle Ives, Karen Hancock, Shelly Carroll, Catalina Quintero,</p> <p>Guests in Attendance: Jennifer Gates, , Ashley Martinez, Heather Westphal, Stacy Dooney, Christopher House, Abby Lambley</p>
MEMBERS ABSENT	Christine Jean-Louis, Kelle Hampton, Christopher Ulrich, Junia Sarmianto
QUORUM PRESENT?	Yes
WELCOME	Mr. Joseph, Vice Chair welcomed all members and began the meeting at 4:00 PM.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes from 2/17 were provided for members. Corrections to the minutes – Senate Bill was signed into law on January 21, 2016. There was a motion by Cheryl Malick to approve the minutes. Michelle Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor.
CHANGES TO AGENDA	No changes to the agenda.
AGENDA ITEM 1	Old Business – no old business.
AGENDA ITEM 2	<p>New Business – Dr. Barcellino shared that she met with Dr. Patton, Mr. Stump and the principals of the six other schools who will be conducting standard-attire surveys. She presented a draft survey that would go to stakeholders---parents, staff, students. It was suggested that the student survey only contain one question and a place for comments. The survey will share the purpose, qualifications and award of Senate Bill 672.</p> <p>Examples of other schools’ dress codes were shared. Eight other counties in Florida do have county-wide dress code policies (Alachua, Bay, Miami-Dade,</p>

Flagler, Madison, Osceola, Polk, Taylor).

The SAC and guests in attendance had a dialogue regarding the Senate Bill, dress code policies, and the survey process. Comments, questions and suggestions included:

Mr. Paddock asked about the survey process and Dr. Barcellino shared the district process per the Code of Conduct manual. He asked if SAC recommends this policy to the principal then gets information that it isn't working, could it be changed. Dr. Barcellino said that SAC could recommend changes at any time. Mr. Paddock also asked how the questions on the survey were developed. Dr. Barcellino shared that the seven school principals worked together with Rachael Dawes in Student Services to create the draft survey.

Mrs. Lambley, guest, shared concerns regarding the survey. She feels the way the survey is written might influence how people vote.

Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Quintero discussed the need for the survey. They were concerned that if we don't survey, we would never know how all stakeholders feel about the standard attire policy.

Dr. Barcellino shared the survey process. The survey will be sent to parents and students in K-4. All staff would be surveyed. If recommended, the survey will go home in the next Wednesday's folder. All stakeholders could be surveyed, and the results could be discussed at the March 22nd SAC meeting.

Mrs. Arthur, asked about the Senate Bill funding and if there is going to be enough money from the state to fund this. Dr. Barcellino and Mrs. Weiss could make no guarantees what the legislature would do.

A recommendation was made to ask just one question in the survey then leave room for comments. The question would be: Would you support a standard attire policy?

Mr. House, guest, discussed the uniform policy concerns, spirit shirts, and economic concerns. He shared that he was here representing other parents that were not able to come to the meeting. This uniform policy is a freedom concept, and it appears to be a vocal minority who wants to have a uniform policy. He shared that students like to wear Pelican Pride shirts. He also said this is an economic concern and will be twice the cost. Students will need to have both uniforms and play clothes.

Mrs. Martinez, guest, said that SAC members are elected by the parent population and act as their representative. The survey would be informative. She shared that most of the Title I schools have uniforms and they have some of our most economically disadvantaged families.

	<p>Mrs. Weiss, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Carroll, and Mrs. Ives discussed the survey process and communication in regards to the process.</p> <p>Mr. Joseph stated he feels that we owe it to the parents to survey and to consider the information.</p> <p>Mrs. Carroll suggested that we provide a robo call to parents to look for the survey. Dr. Barcellino shared that she will send updates in the PTO eNews as well.</p> <p>Mr. Paddock asked that we add to the survey that we would still allow spirit day and Boy Scout and Girl Scout uniforms.</p> <p>Mr. House asked if families would get a survey for each student. Dr. Barcellino responded 'yes.' Mrs. Ives asked if that could be added into the newsletter.</p> <p>Mrs. Weiss made a motion that we send the survey home with just the one question. Karen Hancock seconded the motion. All members were in favor. SAC members that are available Wednesday before break will count the survey results. Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Arthur volunteered.</p> <p>Mrs. Weiss dismissed the meeting at 4:50</p>
AGENDA ITEM 3	
AGENDA ITEM 4	
AGENDA ITEM 5	
OPEN AGENDA	Open Agenda Items – None
NEXT MEETING: DATE	March 22, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in the Media Center
NEXT MEETING: AGENDA TOPICS	The survey results will be shared.
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY	Lianne Elliott