

S.A.C. MINUTES

Ventura Elementary

Date | time 10/21/2014 3:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Mr. Scott Clark, principal

Welcome

Mr. Clark welcomed attendees and introduced the SAC members. Parents introduced themselves.

Minutes Review

Ms. Camacho reviewed minutes for last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- A. Ms. Casey reported a balance of \$10, 700.70.
 - B. Request of funds
 - a. Ms. Nash requested \$188 for sets of books for the gifted class. Ms. Nash explained that she is trying to keep these students engaged, since they are ones to drop the most in their test scores. Approved anonymously.
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Principal's Report

- A. Fuel Up
 - a. Ventura received the Fuel Up Grant for the cafeteria to start serving breakfast in portable unit. The grant is for \$1,958.00. We are 1 of 2 schools to receive it.
- B. Testing
 - a. Fifth grade did Osceola Writes today in the computers. All 5th grade testing will be done in computers this year. Third and fourth grade will still test on paper.
 - b. 2 students were recognized for getting perfect scores in last year's FCAT Reading and Math tests.
- C. Extended Learning
 - a. Mr. Clark announced that Extended Learning starts this week for selected students.
 - b. Services will be in Reading and Math for 2nd to 5th grade. The Reading will be tied to Science.
 - c. If more funding is received, we will extend it to K-1st grades.
- D. Report Cards are coming out on Friday October 24th,
- E. Picture Day is also on that day. Students should wear their uniform or spirit shirts. Second round will be for casual/Sunday clothing.
- F. AR goal was met for the month and the second round of STAR testing will start next week.
- G. Watch Dog Program
 - a. Parent asked about the Watchdog program. Mr. Clark is expecting to start it mid-year with Title I grant. And for it to be implemented fully by next year.
- H. School Improvement Plan
 - a. It has been posted to the State. Some sections still need to be edited (ex: dates & names)
 - b. Two areas were identified as the focus:
 - i. Standard Based Instruction
 - ii. Attendance & early warning system.

- I. Parent Involvement

- a. Parent asked about what is being done to get parents involved and invited to SAC meetings Mr. Clark explained that flyers are being sent home with students, all-calls are being made and it is posted on the school's website.
- b. Also, invitations are being given through teachers, where each teacher invites one parent from their classroom to come.
- c. Mr. Lowry explained that in his experience, the best bet is when teachers reach out for parents to become part of the SAC/PTO during conferences.
- d. Mr. Clark will ask teachers to talk to parents during Report card conferences.
- e. Other ideas were discussed such as call outs and spirit cards.
- f. Ms. Kirsten Cruz, Ms. Camacho, and Mr. Lowry would like to consider the option of social media. Mr. Clark will continue looking into it and getting guidance from the District on the matter,

PTO Report

- A. Mr. Phillip Lowry explained that members on PTO have moved on, some due to health issues, jobs or relocation. A reorganization meeting will be called.
- B. Mrs. Kirsten Cruz, Mr. George Wilson, Ms. Merani Velez, and Ms. Mala Cruz volunteered to be part of the PTO. There might be someone available for treasurer, but elections are possible.
- C. PTO meetings are done the same day as SAC meetings.
- D. Mr. Lowry also informed that the Holiday Shop will not be done this year, mostly because participation has dropped so much that it is not practical anymore.

One Good Thing

Christmas Parade

- a. Ventura has been invited to participate in Kissimmee's Christmas Parade. The Dual Language teachers and students were chosen to organize and participate.

It will be on December 13th Next Meeting

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Motion to adjourn was made at 4:45 p.m. and was passed unanimously.