

S.A.C. MINUTES

Ventura Elementary

Date | time 12/16/2014 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

Minutes for last meeting. Amendment was made to the minutes stating that the 5th grade assessments will no longer be computerized.

Ms. Nash announced next CADRE meeting will be the second Monday in January.

Treasurer's Report

- A. Ms. Casey reported a balance of \$9, 487.00
 - B. Request for Funds
 - a. Mr. Fatkin requests funds to pay for a substitute teacher this week for the fitness county competition. Approved anonymously.
 - b. The Literacy Council requests funds for purchase of incentives for the Winter Reading Challenge. Third to fifth graders will use KidBiz to read articles and answer 8 questions on each. Ms. Pesantez explained the rules of the challenge and the different tiers of prizes and rewards.
 - i. KidBiz has been shown to provide 1 yr worth of growth in Reading when students consistently read 2 articles each week and getting 80% or more on the questions.
 - ii. The objective is to avoid "Winter Brain" and keep students reading throughout the time off school.
 - iii. Teachers informally surveyed students' interest in prizes that would motivate them.
 - iv. The Council requests the amount of \$500.00 for the 3 big ticket items: Lebron sneakers, Dr. Dres' Beats headphones and Kindle Fire. The winner for each grade level will choose their prize. Items will not be purchased until the winners have been chosen.
 - v. The estimated cost of each item is \$150.00
 - vi. Request was granted unanimously.
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Principiipal's Report

- A. STAR scores increased by 12%. We were one of 9 schools out of 28 to show growth. The reflective visit was cancelled.
- B. Testing
 - a. CELLA Test is in February.
 - b. January 8 will be the next Osceola Writes.
 - c. STAR testing will start on January 13th.
- C. Financial Audit
 - a. The only finding was that when the school pays tax for items to be resold, tax must be charged.
- D. ELL/Attendance Audit
 - a. Two findings that were across the district, so it's not considered a school finding

- i. Too many FTE minutes were reported.
 - ii. Keeping records when teachers do not take attendance.
- E. VESTA
 - a. The person assigned by United Way did not have contacts in this area and went to another school where they had more knowledge of and contacts in the area.
 - b. The school will be looking for a new person in January/February. Job description is available and recommendation are being accepted.
- F. Other Events
 - a. The Dual Language Academy, Dance, Chorus and Jump Rope Team participated in the Kissimmee Parade of Lights last Saturday. Students, parents, and teachers had a great time. Lots of positive feedback. The city reported the largest crowd in attendance this year.
 - b. Math Night was postponed due to a date conflict with the Jingle Bell JukeBox event. This is the Holiday event for Dance and Choir on December 18th.
 - c. FIT families event will be on January 17th.
 - d. School of the Arts Open House will be on January 6th at 6:00 p.m. This is an informational meeting for parents. Applications to the Osceola School of the Arts is January 23rd.
- G. Parent Communication Plan
 - a. SAC minutes are being published.
 - b. Facebook page will start running tomorrow.

PTO Report

- A. Ms. Cruz reported a balance of under \$3,000.
- B. There are about \$2200 from the Box Tops program.
- C. The yellow T-shirts are being reordered (the 25th anniversary one)
- D. The next fundraiser will be "Pennies for PTO" The class that collects the most (\$30 minimum) will get a pizza party.
- E. Ms. Nash is requesting funds for 1 fifth grader from FIT family to pay for their Disney field trip. She explained the instructional focus of Science of the field trip.
- F. The decision will be made on the next meeting.
- G. PTP wishes to be fair with all grade levels and requested to know which big trips were planned for each grade level.
 - a. 4th grade-St. Augustine on January 15th.
 - b. 5th grade- Disney on February 13th.
 - c. 3rd grade- Legoland; working out the date for approval.

One Good Thing

- A. Breakfast of pancakes and waffles with sausage was served this morning to teachers and staff by Mr. Clark and Ms. Pesantez. Teachers expressed their gratitude.
- B. Lots of firsts for Ventura: the Cross Country Team and the participation in the parade.

I Next Meeting

1/20/2015 3:30 PM, Ventura Elementary Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:29 p.m. and was passed unanimously.