

S.A.C. MINUTES

Ventura Elementary

Date | time 2/17/2015 3:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Mr. Scott Clark, principal

Welcome

Mr. Clark welcomed attendees. Minutes from January meeting were reviewed by Ms. Camacho.

Treasurer's Report

- A. Ms. Casey reported a balance of \$8, 270.48.
 - B. Request of funds
 - a. Mr. Staves requested \$375 to use for gravel, PBC, fish, and fish food for his Hydroponics life cycle project. He has gotten all the other materials from donors. All classes have been invited to observe and get a short talk about it by Mr. Staves.
 - b. Request for funds was approved unanimously.
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Principal's Report

- A. CELLA testing
 - a. Mr. Clark informed that CELLA Testing one-on-one sessions were done today. Group testing will be done next week.
- B. FSA Test Dates
 - a. The Fourth and Fifth grade Writing Test will be on March 2nd and 3rd.
 - b. The window for 3rd -4th grade ELA and Math is from April 1st to April 10th.
 - c. The window for 5th grade ELA April 13th -24th.
 - d. Science FCAT 5th grade April 28th-May 1st.
- C. Florida Legislature
 - a. Education Accountability
 - i. Legislature is working on a bill to reduce amount of testing and the percentage that will count toward teacher evaluation (from 50% to 30%).
 - b. Bill 6216
 - i. CADRE put out pies of bills that they are fighting with information of who to contact.
 - ii. Information available on Osceola County website.
 - iii. The binder is available in the front office.
- D. Opt-Out Movement
 - a. There is an opt-out movement for FSA. Mr. Clark wants parents to know that students can be affected in their placing in Middle school. There might be problems with getting grants for state universities. These test need to be taken by law.
- E. Title I Grant
 - a. Ventura received \$15K for PLC (Professional Learning Community)
 - b. Representatives from each grade level are being sent to the conference.
 - c. Money will also be used for materials that may be needed.
 - d. The money will last until the beginning of next year.
- F. STAR data
 - a. In Reading, we are following the district's trend (3% down from last year)
 - b. Math, 2% from last year.

- c. When ranked in percentile rank, we are 13th out of 28 school in the district in Reading, and 18th in Math (tied with two other schools).
- d. Mr. Clark and Ms. Pesantez are having data chats with each teacher. Mr. Brennan commented how much he likes how accurate their data is.

G. Math night

- a. February 26-Orlando Science is coming.
- b. Parents (K-5) have RSVP.
- c. Announcements will be on the marquee, and flyers will be handed out in the car loop.
- d. Ms. Camacho suggested having 5th grade students work on a Pow-Toon for morning announcements.

H. Bylaws

- a. Ms. Nash wants to remind everyone that all the Bylaws are available in the front office, as well as the binder with SAC minutes and CADRE information.

I. United Way-Vista

- a. Mr. Clark found someone out of state to interview. More information in next meeting.

J. Parent Advisory Council

- a. Ms. Jennings attended the Advisory Council meeting last Thursday.
- b. They went over the Parent Involvement Plan once again, and finally come up with something they all liked.
- c. Surveys result for all Elementary schools showed that language and time constraints are the main barriers for parents to get involved in schools.
- d. Also reported feeling unwelcomed.

K. Upcoming Dates; summer school

- a. March 3rd- Parent Information Night for 3rd grade
 - i. Retention and ways to avoid it other options: portfolio and summer school.
- b. April 10th & June 7th
 - i. New dates for Report Cards
- c. May 7th
 - i. Kindergarten Roundup and Spring Festival.

PTO Report

- A. Mr. Lowry stated that there is a member that returned to Florida. He is hoping that she comes back.
- B. Money requested for Science Olympiads T-shirts (about \$100).

One Good Thing

- A. Ms. Nash stated that 5th grade field trip was a success.
- B. Mr. Lowry is happy to share that his daughter is the captain of the Science Olympiad and Battle of the Books teams.
- C. Ms. Camacho announced that Ms. Agosto was awarded with the Jose Marti Award as National Bilingual Educator by the National Association of Bilingual Educators.

Next Meeting

3/17/2015 3:30 PM, Ventura Elementary Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Cruz at 4:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.