

Mill Creek Elementary SAC Meeting
1/26/16 4-5pm

Meeting began at 3:54pm

In Attendance: Donna Locke, Kim Wuellner (for Chris Stephan), Jennifer Hoffman, Christine Sumner, Stephanie Godaire, Synethia Brown, Kristina Dooley, Jamara Washington, Robin Lightsey, Tina Larson, Kristin Arnold

Excused: Tonia Patten-Klett, Nicole Cubbedge, Christine Stephan (sent Kim Wuellner as a substitute), Nerissa Hartford, Terri Overman

Approval of Minutes from November Meeting- Tina Larson

Last meeting's minutes need to have Stephanie Godaire's name corrected. Minutes have been corrected and resent to Tina Larson and Kristin Arnold.

First Motion to Approve: Robin Lightsey

Second: Christine Sumner

Request for Funds: Mrs. Gurick

-ESE Autism Symposium-March 9th

Each year there is new information emerging on how to address autistic children's needs. ESE teachers would like to go to this conference to get up to date information. Presenters are new and all presenters are working with children which helps them provide more practical strategies. Mrs. Arnold says this information has been passed down to the teachers in the past and has been helpful. All ESE teachers will attend other than Ms. Todd. Only Mrs. Gurick needs a sub. It is \$65 per person plus \$85 for one substitute. Total comes to \$605.

First Motion to Approve: Stephanie Godaire

Second- Kristina Dooley

Budget Update- Kristina Dooley

Guidance conference was for two people but cost reflected total sum (we did not need to double the cost for two attendees). Currently, our balance is \$18,519.84. Next meeting will reflect the funds used for the autism conference.

Principal's Report- Amanda Riedl

- Mill Creek has been recognized as an A school. Last year we had a new test, so we were unsure how this would impact our standing. This year we will have a new test as well, however, this will be a Florida-created test. Students did grow in the area of math.
- There are two surveys out- Needs Assessment which is directly affiliated with Mill Creek opens on Feb 28th. We will email this out to get parent involvement.
Strategic Plan Survey- Mr. Joyner sent out a call and the email today. Please encourage those around you to take this survey. It closes on Tuesday. The county wants parent and community feedback. When they put together the assessment task force, they listened to parents and made the recommendations based on feedback. With all the growth and change, we need to get our voices heard since there will be a big impact at Mill Creek.

Tina suggested putting the link on our school Webpage, the PTA facebook and webpage and provide the link to the class parents. It was suggested by Kristina Dooley that a blurb accompany the survey link to stress the importance of participation and how the county has listened to community feedback in the past. Last year we also offered an incentive -ice cream to students. We will offer an incentive this year as well.

- Ms. Reidl discussed plans for a literacy night. The school will have a performer and it will be advertised as a dinner theater. Chick Fil-A will cater and we will need parents to provide a little fee for the food. Ms. Reidl wants families to have an opportunity to go out and enjoy an event they don't normally get to experience. It is planned for Feb 23rd from 5:30-6pm and then the performance begins around 6:15. The performance is around 45 mins long. This is not an event to post student work or talk curriculum.

December Focus Group Report- Tina Larson

District asks that PTO, SAC and PTSO members go to these focus groups. Sarah Borgmeyer went for us. Her notes are as follows:

Testing

-State board of Ed accepted the cut sores for FSA. The cut scores will play a role in determining promotion, graduation, school grades and sanctions.

Overall the feeling is there is too much testing. NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) picks random schools to give assessments to. Florida has done well.

Half Cent Tax Update

-The half cent tax was approved and there will be two new schools built from this sales tax money, and a third used from other funds. Mill Creek was mentioned because we have had a 41% growth over three years.

-There will be a new elementary school past Pacetti on the right. It is projected to house 820 students and will be a prototype design (similar to Palencia) and because it is a prototype, it will cost less in architectural fees. It can be completed in 18 months since plans are already completed.

- A new middle school is in the 5 year plan.

-Next elementary will be in the NW area of the county near Aberdeen and Durbin areas (on Chetland). It will be a K-8.

Third School will be near Nocatee, but there is no designated location as of yet.

Strategic Plan

-2016-2021 Plan began in January

Budget

-AICE- IB and AP equivalent. Teachers can earn up to \$3000 in bonuses when students pass. Currently these are capped at \$2000 for bonuses.

Governor's Budge Recommendation

There will be \$1 billion in tax cuts

-PECO money

-Increase in property value will lead to a millage increase

Currently projecting 26,000 new students

New Bylaws- Tina Larson

Please put these in your blue folders.

Transportation Changes- Tina Larson- parents have been using the new transportation procedure. Everyone has done a great job and communication has been great.

Next Meeting is Feb 23rd

Adjournment- 4:29pm

Motion: Jamara Washington

Second: Stephanie Godaire.