

**School Advisory Council
DeLaura Middle School
Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023**

SAC Members in attendance: Brittany Canter, Michael Capozzi, Susan Clark, Greg Crivello, Gavin Fahnestock, Chris Rower, Tina Susin, Alexandria Wicker

Absent: Bernard Bryan, Melissa Crofton, Gretta Valiente, Jenny Woods

Visitor: n/a

Call to order: 8:31 a.m. members signed in and the meeting called to order.

November meeting minutes accepted motion to approve: G. Crivello; second G. Fahnestock

Budget Report: \$4633.68 budget accepted motion to approve M. Capozzi; second G. Crivello

PTO Update: Dance was a blowout and well attended. Fun grams were not successful and stopped early. PTO will provide a teacher lunch on 12/18, and a cookie buffet for the teachers on 12/20.

Parent Leadership Team Report from Greg Crivello: No meeting for December.

Beth Harris: Council asked for stakeholder input on 40 books that are deemed age appropriate and have at least one positive review. The books that are the exception may not have a professional review due to being part of a series or because they are a non-fiction book. Events in the library include:

- August: Book talks for SSYRA books
- October: Author visit from the book, *96 Miles*, for the first 30 students who read and blogged on the book
- December: SSYRA Gingerbread event where students who read and blogged on at least 2 SSYRA books. 63 students participated by making gingerbread houses that focused on the theme of their chosen book.
- March - Students who read at least 3 SSYRA books will vote on their favorite book and the votes will be sent to Tallahassee.
- April - SSYRA pizza party for students who read at least 3 SSYRA books and blogged on them. The list of SSYRA books for next year will be revealed at the party.

SAC members are encouraged to go to the DeLaura library website to read the student blogs on the SSYRA books.

School Improvement Plan: Discussion postponed until February.

Locker Discussion (continued) from Greg Crivello: Ms. Susin will address this concern with Department Chairs to focus on for next school year.

Crossing Guards Discussion (continued) from Gavin Fahnestock: No new information at this time.

Principal Update:

- 1 bus is consistently late, Ms. Susin has inquired about it 3 times with no update/explanation.
- Kendra Scott Sale made \$1000 in sales (\$300 back to the school. The sale was not as profitable as last year but greater measures to promote the sale will be considered next time.
- The Scottie Showcase was held on 12/4. The turnout was overall good.

- Reduction in force was discussed in regards to the objective of the Scottie Showcase to keep enrollment up for next year. Currently, the projection for DeLaura is 517 for next year. DeLaura is the largest impacted school. Ms. Susin is hopeful to provide corridor busing for one year for current 7th grade students that would be rezoned for next year. There will be a considerable staff impact.
- Orchestra and chorus had a concert earlier this week. Band has their concert on 12/19 at 7 p.m.
- Holiday spirit week is next week and students and staff are encouraged to dress up each day.
- Midterms take place next week with 3 early release days (Wednesday-Friday).
- A reboot of student expectations will start on January 8th as the new semester begins.
- One orchestra student will participate in the All-State competition.
- There will not be a SAC meeting in January. The next meeting will be in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Next meeting: February 15 @ 8:30 at DeLaura MS