Venice Elementary School

SAC Minutes - 11-13-25 .

Attendance: Raymond Wilson, Tammy Vowell, Kerry Lewis, Denise Harris, Kelly Marsh, William Brennan, Marcia Wyszynski, Michael Bacon, Amber Roberts, Heather Zabrowski, Emily Walters, Shauntelle Hoffman, Erin Holloway, Kara Morgan, Jenn Ayer, Kelly Corona, Nickie LeCaptain

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Venice Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 11-13-25 . Chair Kara Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:33 A.M. . Tammy Vowell will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Marcia Wyszynski motioned to approve the minutes of 10-9-25 , with no correctios. Motion outcome: Motion seconded by Michael Bacon and approved unanimously by indicating "aye".

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

A. Approval of Media Center New Book Order: Tami Taylor, District Media Specialist, spoke to SAC proposing approval for approximately 130 new titles ordered for the VES Media Center. The purchase was made through Follett, which is a SCS preferred vendor, and went through the vetting process. All of the titles were found to meet the State Statute requirements for age, are elementary school level, and appropriate subject matter. Books were selected by student interests and requests, and new releases. Michael Bacon motioned to approve the purchase. Motion Outcome: Seconded by Amber Roberts and approved unanimously by SAC with a show of hands and indication of "aye". Discussion:

- Emily Walters asked if parents could get a copy of the new titles. Answer: Yes. They are available through the District Website.
- Amber Roberts asked how often are new titles purchased for the Media Center? Answer: As funds become available.
- Amber Roberts asked how funds are appropriated for Media Center purchases. Answer: The VES Book Fair is the main source of income for buying new books. The school receives 25% of Book Fair sales. The last 2 years that amount has been approximately $4,000, based on sales of approximately $16,000. Mr. Wislon indicated that during more fluid budget cycles than we are in presently, schools can use funds from curriculum materials to supplement Media purchases.
- The SAC members discussed as a future item, informing parents that the proceeds from the Book Fairs have a direct impact on purchasing new titles for our own students to borrow through the Media Center. Kelly Marsh will also put that information out on our social pages before the upcoming Book Fair Dec 5-12.

B. Quarter One Attendance Data: As previously discussed, an average of 16 students per grade level did not meet the 90% attendance threshold last school year, 2024-25. In Quarter 1 of school year 2025-26, however, there has been improvement. The data is:

Grade	Total <90%	Total %
K	24	25%
1	12	14%
2	9	10%
3	13	11%
4	11	11%
5	8	8%

**This is the first year that the District has sent automatic attendance letters to families through Focus.

C. Stipend Supplements (Preliminary discussion): This goes through SDMT, but SAC will have final approval after the SDMT meeting on 11-20-25. SAC vote to come at meeting on Dec. 11. The total dollar allocation determined by the district is $14,076 for school year 25-26. 0.1 approximates to $360.

Reports: **N/A**

Open Agenda: Recent Information – School Recognition Funds: The amount of money for this usually comes directly from FTE, but this year there has been a decrease in funds given to schools across the board. VES will receive approximately $51,000, which is a decrease of $35,000 from last year's funds, which were $86,000. The Senate Bill Appropriation for FL Public School Funding has also crossed off the wording of *faculty and staff* to say *Instructional Staff*. SAC and SDMT will both have future discussions about how to distribute the School Recognition funds at VES. It was suggested that SAC members, as well as any concerned citizens, send letters and emails to our FL representatives, voicing concerns over funding. Names and addresses of representatives can be found on the Sarasota County Elections webpage. SAC members have asked for drafts and sample letters that they can send. Mr. Wilson will get these to Tammy Vowell, who will distribute them to SAC members.

Next Meeting Date & Time:
The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2026 at 7:30 A.M. in the VES Media Center

Meeting Adjournment:
Motion: Jenn Ayer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 A.M. Motion outcome: Seconded by Denise Harris. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Submitted by,
Name of Recorder_Tammy Vowell
Name of Position on Board Secretary
Approval Date:_____