**St. Johns Technical High School**

**School Advisory Council Meeting**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**Call to Order**: Mrs. Jasmin called the meeting to order at 8:18 am

**Members in Attendance**: Ashley Jasmin, Jennifer Alexander, Kathy Mignerey, Cynthia Williams, Paula Davis, Amber Lane

**Prior Meeting Minutes Recap/Approval:**

**•** Minutes approved from November 30, 2017

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of today the SAC committee has $3,934.74

**Admin Report-Title I Updates:**

**Williams:**

* If Mr. Narin needs more equipment for the enrichment xbox; he has received help from the PTO up to this time – we know he needs batteries for the controllers.
* April 2nd the advanced Ed team is to arrive, moving out to schools on the 3rd
* Ms. Williams stated that we need 5600 enrollments and completions – Feb 9th is the deadline to enroll for this year – all of the virtual teachers are out in the schools encouraging students to register
* We are losing many of our students to Florida virtual, which does not have proctored exams, and the district does not want to pay for summer classes
* Ms. Williams explained the difference between APEX and PLATO – APEX is more rigorous, and has been vetted and approved by the State of Florida. APEX is $50.00, and Florida Virtual is $100.00
* Ms. Williams has met with Daryl Cooley twice this week. The money used to pay teachers this year is what was earned last year.
* Ms. Martin said that the primary reason for APEX use is grade recovery, and the older students get, the more motivated they tend to be, and enroll in greater numbers.
* This is now a graduation requirement, and students tend to enjoy it once introduced
* Ms. Williams: our graduation rate is above the state rate, as well as neighboring schools (Pedro, St. Aug.)
* Ms. Williams: Ms. Jasmine Ms. Winters, and Ms. Martin have been very diligent in the accreditation process, part of which is documenting buy in and involvement of the parents
  + This year’s tutoring is more targeted, and the children are being fed by Culinary prior to tutoring
* Paula Davis on tutoring: We have reading, writing, and math. Math is working on an escape room. We want tutoring to be enriching but allow them to be excited and less resistant to staying. Mr. Testaseca is using Socratic Seminars concerning court cases. Helen and Paula are using canceled checks written in cursive to have the children build stories from after categorizing them in order of date. There were also break-out sessions with children who needed remediation and a reading group.
* We need to include water with the food; the containers worked well
* Ms. Davis: Erin worked really hard on the escape room and placing the students into groups
* Ms. W: We hired Ms Treadway, Ms. Steel, to be here to work with students during the day to keep from pulling teachers out of the classroom
* We have a student/parent contract that states students are required to attend tutoring. When students refuse, this is taken into account when deciding whether or not the student should return to his or her zoned school
* Social media is making bullying hard to combat in regard to name-calling. Four Square in the morning has helped calm the students prior to first period.

**Parental Input:**

* Mrs. Alexander delivered information and shared at the most recent district focus group meeting. There was discussion about the number of students in the district taking virtual classes. 6,000 students are enrolled in virtual classes throughout the district
* Mrs. Alexander share parent concerns from the district meeting about the 6,000 students enrolled in virtual classes

**Teacher fund request:** None

**Open forum:**

* Ms. W: Running to the store for testing snacks has been very grueling – we need to plan ahead and purchase bulk stuff, snacks and water, and we have permission to not throw unused cafeteria food away; we give it to the kids, who take it gladly.
* Parent: Do you need money or stuff?
* Ms. W: we need both, as well as volunteers
* Ms. McC: has reused water bottles for several days in previous schools successfully
* Ms. W: would rather have one-use small water bottles
* Exam questions: all take place in the labs
* This is going to be tabled until next month (snack $ approval)
* Mignerey: not sure if the parents pay attention to their children’s school choice based on academies, are these kids really capable of leaving this school?
* Mignerey: many of our coming ninth graders move to their zoned schools, and we encourage this because they have better skills now, and this is proof of our success
* Mignerey: are our students going to take spots away from other children when they cannot actually attend these other academies for various reasons?
* Ms. W: We will keep an eye on that (paraphrase)

**Adjournment:** Ashley Jasmin motioned to adjourn at 8:40 am. Seconded and approved.

**Upcoming Meeting Date:**

Thursday, February 22nd , 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Sirak

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