St. Johns Technical High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

November 28th, 2018

Call to Order: Mrs. Lynn called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Erin Lynn, Ms. Williams, Essie Martin, and Skip Little.

Prior Meeting Minutes Recap/Approval: Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Total funds $5176.16

Admin Report:

Principal:

* After school tutoring was canceled due to low student attendance. Teacher are now giving up their lunch period to tutor students. Targeted student include those in the lowest quartile or those struggling in class.
* Middle school tutoring will begin next semester and will target those students in the lowest quartile for reading and math.
* Over the Thanksgiving holiday over 250 migrant workers were fed by students and faculty on Armstrong.
* There is a tree-decorating contest at the old jail. The hope is to highlight the academies.
* The reading team is working with district personnel and other groups to enhance their use of high yield instructional strategies in reading.
* The second round of reading testing will be held this week to test students more intensely to more specifically identify their reading needs.
* The principal has reached out to schools and the community to get books for every student for the holiday break. She hopes to celebrate literacy in all homes and find a joy for reading in all students.
* Toys for tots needs new unwrapped toys. Box will be in front office.
* Food Drive celebration! SJTHS gave over 100 bags of food to our students in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. HUGE thank you to Funky-town for the overwhelming support for this food drive. There will be another food drive for holiday time.

Parental Input:

* Member brought up idea to purchase kindles for students in a pilot program. Ten students would receive a kindle and would have access to books through the amazon platform. Without quorum, the members present were not able to hold a vote for this. The team decided more research might be needed before seeking approval for the program. Principal commented that media services had a small budget that could contribute to purchasing more books for students.
* There will be a focus to get books that are high interest reads for low-level readers. Several authors and publishers offer this type of material. Principal also suggested looking into the AR program to motivate students to read more.

Teacher Fund Request:

None

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 9:01 am

Upcoming Meeting Date: Decembe18th, 2018