St. Johns Technical High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Call to Order: Mrs. Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Erin Lynn, Amber Lane, Holli Winter, Mrs. Alexander, April Moore, Gwen Westfall, Ms. Williams, Linda Krepp, Paula Davis, Linda Meyer, Marie Hampton, Sheila Wright, B.J. Esguerra, Latandra White, Caroline Barta, and Skip Little.

Prior Meeting Minutes Recap/Approval:

Treasurer’s Report: The district has not released funds for us yet, and we do not as yet have a funding update.

SAC bylaws passed out for a refresher, SAC members cannot miss more than three meetings. The School Improvement Plan has been finished, and our goals are:

Admin Report:

Principal:

* Thanked parents and students for their input and help, asked for volunteers for future field trips, Flagler, UNF, two Jaguar games, Honor Rows, one on the 30th for sixth graders – all of this to keep students encouraged and engaged. The charter busses are expensive, and some of the tickets cost as much as $35.
* Verbal appreciation of the Chef for all Open House food preparation. Old City Life magazine is coming tomorrow to do a story on our culinary students and academy. Teaching kindness and acceptance for a diverse world is so important.
* Community is sharing that dependability and staying off cell phones is very important on the job, and these are issues that are causing problems right now. We need to ensure that students can change their behavior.
* There is another district four or five points behind us in the best district race.
* We want to provide support as early as possible in the school year. The lowest 25% differ according to each school. What strategically are we going to do to help each child?
* All schools need to show at least 57%, and our school has the highest learning gains of all the schools in the county. 56% gains ELA, and 57% in Math. We want a commendable year, and the learning gains are a part of that.
* Math dept. and Water Academy very successful.
* MOU $ available to teachers for tutoring students during lunch.

A.P.:

* Every class needs to be a reading class, and phonic skills are vital. All but a couple of students have been tested on phonic/decoding issues, so now we know which specific strands need to be targeted.
* Our next phase will be to meet with district personnel about the next step, and figure out what each child needs to succeed. We need to serve these children better to bring up their scores and give them the tools they need to be more successful in their future careers and lives.

ILC: The information can be as simple as students not being able to break the syllables apart, and some students can decode, but cannot put the parts together in a way that the student can comprehend the information and see how they interrelate. One of the takeaways is that the students see themselves differently. shared a story about a student who was very belligerent, was worked with for two+ years, and is now always carrying books around and is an avid reader.

A.P.: All of our middle school scores are up, but Algebra, Geometry, and Biology, need to be improved, so we will focus our after school tutoring on these students in addition to our other plans.

We inadvertently received a school grade because of the college sharing our address, which was a C. This has been handled by the district.

Parental Input:

* We are in the middle of the food basket collections, and will be collecting cold weather stuff such as socks and blankets etc… soon.
* We will probably be making sandwiches for the homeless shelter in the spring and will be collecting food for animal shelters as well.
* We are selling chocolate for our fundraiser right now – it’s going well
* Ms. Williams said our volunteers far exceed the number of hours required, after the parent showed off our new Golden School Award for exceeding volunteer hours

Teacher Fund Request:

Linda Meyer for Mrs. Blake, who motioned to order a subscription for Scholastic News, a class set of Geography Spin, Science, National Geographic For Kids, and Sports Illustrated for kids for $162 or 195$. The motion carried for $195 package, all in favor.

Westfall: motion to order Scholastic Science Magazines for $208.78, seconded by parent, and motion carried with all in favor.

Krepp: Dining With Dignity, we work with a group of realtors who gave us $300.00, but they stopped funding us, so we need money now for what is usually a $350.00 budget.

Principal: thinks we can fundraise or come up with the money to do this at least once, but maybe not three times.

A.P.: We can apply for the teacher grant from TPC for this money, and ask for money for all three events. Grant deadline is coming.

Parent: How about putting up a Go Fund Me page?

Parent Question: There is no nurse here, what happens when somebody gets sick or hurt?

Principal: We have people with some medical training, but I will call for an ambulance in a heartbeat.

A.P.: We utilize the district nurse, SAHS’s nurse.

Principal: We lock all gates at 9:15, and tell students that we take all threatening statements very seriously, one student has already been removed from school, everything is investigated by the Sheriff’s office. Safety in not convenient.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Date: