

School Advisory Council (SAC)  
<http://www.lee.ocps.net/info/sacpta.htm>  
Thursday, November 15, 2007

*Members in Attendance:*

**Chairperson** – Nancy Reynolds

**Secretary** – Tracy Barry

**Principal** – Tom Pylant

**Parents, Students, Teachers, Staff and Community Members:**

Dawn Morris

Laura Dietz

Cametrice Hill

Stacy Moser

Items requiring action are highlighted.

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

October 2007 minutes reviewed. Motion to approve by D. Morris. Minutes approved. Old business to be postponed until next meeting: Mrs. Keeler – Language Arts Dept. Chairperson & Writing Plan.

2006 survey results presented, 2007 results needed. The parent who had previously requested this info not present at this meeting, so we will revisit at next meeting as well as discuss the new survey during the January meeting. The county survey is available for us to use, or we can use the same survey we created last year for continuity.

N. Reynolds presented the school's Reading Plan. See handout.

Book fair dates 11/27 through 12/4. Family Night 6-7pm on 11/28/07 coincides with volleyball game. Book fair chairperson M. Dunn not present at this meeting.

S. Moser – Art in History project. [www.artinhistory.com](http://www.artinhistory.com) Hands on historical/archaeological pieces; all supplies included in kit which supports research and reference skills (and also art requirement for IB). Approximately 200 kids targeted to take part (6<sup>th</sup> grade IB and advanced 6<sup>th</sup> graders from other teams) at about \$6 per student. Ms. Moser would like SAC members to review the program and vote to fund the project at the January meeting.

**Principal's Update**

- Construction info: slab poured for cafeteria/arts and gym locker buildings. January start renovating media center old hall into new administration suite.
- 42 homeless kids on our rosters. Student registrations coded for audit only. Collections have been fantastic for D. Keeler's Project HOUSE.
- IB visit went very well! Many commendations, some do-able recommendations, no areas of concern. We'll get the final update from IB in February. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be added next year. We are a magnet program for 6<sup>th</sup> with 24 students involved in IB that are not zoned for Lee.
- Class size amendment is an area of concern. Phase I of the program asked for average county-wide ratio of one teacher per 22 students. Phase II targeted

average school numbers in academic classes 1/22 (excluding electives). Phase III next year asks that all academic classes meet that number, not the average of all classes. This would mean that we would have to add 6 teachers to make that happen with our current class sizes, but the funding is just not there. This places the teaming concept in jeopardy although the Middle School Reform Act might have dealt teaming a blow anyway. **We should not be in danger of losing Honors classes – maybe High School curriculum classes like Algebra, Geometry can work under High School guidelines?** This should not affect IB offerings. If we lose teaming, then the original master construction plan with classroom clusters will be wasted also. The Middle School Reform Act adds to the difficulty of teaming- there are socio-developmental issues that occur when older students are grouped with the younger ones for a same level class. All of these issues will probably affect the School Improvement Plan!

T. Barry presented information about new construction's impact on our school professional video collection. VHS no longer to work in classrooms with computers and DVD players connected to multimedia projectors rather than classroom TVs. This will probably require a major overhaul of our collection and cost several thousand dollars over the next few years. Digital video streaming is one way to accomplish this and several options were presented (see <http://www.safarimontage.com/products/marketing/SLJArticle.pdf> ) or we could purchase DVDs to update/replace our current collection. T. Barry will research further and decide which option to pursue. **She will come back in January with a request for SAC's participation in this budget request which supports learning across the curriculum subjects.** *Streaming might cost \$5,000 for the initial purchase with the media center's budget to pick up the annual renewal of \$1,000 or she will ask for SAC to spend \$2,000 per year for the next 3 years (future budgets cannot be decided by this SAC).*

**Annual Report** for OCPS provided by N. Reynolds and can be viewed online at <https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/Documents/AnnualReport.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Next meeting at 6:30pm in the media center on Thursday, January 17th.**