

School Advisory Council (SAC)  
<http://www.lee.ocps.net/info/sacpta.htm>  
Thursday, October 19, 2006

Members in Attendance:

**Principal** - Tom Pylant

**Chairperson** - Nancy Reynolds, Curriculum Resource Teacher

**Secretary** – Tracy Barry, Media Specialist

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

Dawn Morris, PTSA liaison

Jan Cooper, PTSA liaison

Michael McKee, chorus teacher

Cindy Shaw, SAFE Coordinator

Robert Dietz, parent

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

September minutes review. Minutes approved with changes: October meeting date changed from typo 10/9 to 10/19.

Benchmarks:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade looks great on reading and math test results!
- Purpose of benchmark test is to be used as a predictor for FCAT. On target generally means that students would test at level 3 or above on FCAT, with approximately 85% validity.
- This round of first quarter benchmark testing actually test students on first semester skills. The benchmark tests will be given again in December and April.
- The DRP is another reading predictor test which shows even stronger accuracy for FCAT achievement.
- Reference & research handout demonstrates the progression of skills on that portion of the FCAT
- OCPS Curriculum handout for math shows how difficult some of these critical thinking skills can be. Data analysis was one skill targeted in the benchmark tests as “needs improvement.” Access skills page lists what students need to do to perform well on the FCAT.

Principal’s report:

- 130 of 390 current sixth graders have been retained once since the implementation of FCAT passing requirements. 50 have been retained twice. These statistics suggest that the retention guidelines be revisited for effect on student success.
- We have 60 kids more than our FTE projection. We receive approximately \$4200 per student. This money will probably be used to alleviate crowding in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Voicemail sent last night to parents and will be followed up with notes home about K12 Planet implementation.

SAC membership letters will go home soon. PTSA representatives (Dawn Morris and Jan Cooper) will mention this at the next PTSA meeting.

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is FCAT Parent Night. PTSA representatives are working on dinner preparations. The bookfair will be open and the media center will provide a singer/storyteller ([www.mrrichard.net](http://www.mrrichard.net)).

We have been informed that our school has been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) testing, often referred to as “the nation’s report card”. This February 1<sup>st</sup> testing does not impact school grades, FCAT results, or student grades. Students will be randomly selected to participate in Reading, Writing, or Math.

News You Can Use handout:

- This may answer some of the concerns from the last SAC meeting. Our construction project is a combination of new construction and renovation. There will probably be a 3-story building located where the cafeteria now stands. This building would provide classroom space for all three grade levels.
- There will be a meeting in 2 weeks with the architect and administration on concepts, then in 3-4 weeks another meeting with parents / community members and the architects will occur to discuss concepts.
- Band and chorus buildings will be removed for simpler parking and drop-off/pick-up design.
- New roof and A/C for media center
- Gym may not receive much in this renovation as it had work done recently. The locker room improvements are still in question.
- Lockers for students have not been discussed but can be brought up at the architect meeting.

Cindy Shaw, SAFE Coordinator – works with high risk kids and provides guidance and mentoring services to all:

Handouts on bibliotherapy (using books that reflect adolescent problems); 800 of the 1100 kids on campus visited the SAFE office for various reasons. Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) can be supported through SAFE office (journaling/writing, increased parental contact, etc.)

SAFE Office could be a great place for parenting skills books and adolescent issues library. Ms. Shaw will prioritize her recommended library titles, align with SIP, and present purchase request at next meeting.

Possible FCAT retention group counseling from SAFE – how does retention or multiple retentions affect student behaviors? The percentage of students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade now that have been held back previously is large.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, November 16th, 6:30pm in the media center.

Motion to adjourn by D. Morris, seconded by T. Barry. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

