

School Advisory Council (SAC)
<http://www.lee.ocps.net/info/sacpta.htm>
Thursday, September 20, 2007

Members in Attendance:

Chairperson – Nancy Reynolds

Secretary – Tracy Barry

Principal – Tom Pylant

Parents, Students, Teachers, Staff and Community Members:

Dawn Morris	Doris Keeler
Jacque Gabrielle	Stacy Moser
Rochelle Munson	Tim Carroll
	Laura Dietz

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

April 2007 minutes reviewed and approved. May meeting cancelled due to storm.

SAC funds are generated from the FTE counts (done in October and February) of students who have attended at least one day at Lee Middle. We receive \$10 per student. The SAC account currently holds approximately \$24,000 for this committee to use in support of the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Review of SIP

- This year on FCAT Writing tests, 94% of 8th graders scored at 3 or above – GREAT JOB! The upcoming test will include a multiple choice section called Writing Plus. *School Writing Plan should be presented at the October meeting to parents.*
- **Q** – Why is tutoring offered in math, but not in reading? **A** – Lee offers Intensive Reading classes to those students falling in the lowest FCAT ranking, but we don't have the staff for those classes in math, so outside tutoring is available through Dr. Carr's after school program. *Invite Mrs. Towle, the Literacy Coach, to the next meeting to explain the Intensive Reading program.*
- Our science scores were average for the district.
- Examples of Thinking Maps are available in the student planners.
- **Q** – Are there ramifications for not meeting any SIP goals? **A** – It has rarely happened that we have not met a goal we have set for ourselves. Failure to do so would result in serious discussion by SAC and also Lee staff and then changes to the next year's SIP to address that specific problem.
- This year's SIP cannot be changed at this time, but we will work on revisions throughout the year for next year's plan.

Motion to approve SIP by T. Carroll, seconded by D. Keeler. SIP approved by SAC committee members.

Construction update by Mr. Pylant

- New modular classrooms have arrived.
- This week, construction began on new cafeteria building.
- This year, the cafeteria, music suite, and locker rooms are to be added.
- In January, the older portion of the media center building is to be remodeled to become the new administration offices.
- Next year, the main office, old cafeteria, and guidance buildings will be demolished to make way for the new 2-story classroom building.

Currently 920 students enrolled. FTE final counts to be done in October.

A certain number of students who miss taking the FCAT can lower our school grade by a full letter.

152 kids enrolled in our International Studies program (6th and 7th grades). Next year, 8th grade will be added. 16 teachers have participated in IB trainings. October 29-30 is the official visit from the International Baccalaureate (IB) program administrators.

Between class time increased to 5 minutes (from 3) because of the construction and distance to the modulars.

We need to re-address the perception of bathroom safety responses to the survey from last year. *We should review the survey results again at the October meeting.* *Also, *discuss statistics of our current student population's retention rate.* Mr. Pylant – this year's 6th graders are much stronger academically than last year's group.

KUDOS

(D. Morris) Thanks to Mr. Langston for providing parents with an advance band schedule!

(R. Munson) Thanks to all Lee staff who have responded so positively to questions, comments, and concerns. IB teachers have been exceptional!

Dr. T. Carroll: new math standards will lead to revised FCAT. Previously, 84 topics were touched on at each grade level. Now, only 21 will be thoroughly covered and built upon each year. <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/state/orl-math19sep19,0,3351658.story>

OPEN HOUSE - September 25th at 7pm. All parents invited. Meeting begins in the gym and then parents will follow student daily schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting at 6:30pm in the media center on Thursday, October 18th.