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# P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School School Advisory Council

October 20, 2015

Member Attendance:

Michael Poole, Mickey MacDonald, Jim Bice, Angela Kohnen, Stephen Tucker, Osmara Salas, Meryl Klein, Brenda Breil, Paul Manning, Jennifer Phegley, Dyonne McGraw, Robin Gregory, Rosa Williams, Janie Williams

Member Absences:

Michelle Grant-Harris, Susan Cary, Cathy Atria, Lynda Hayes

Guest Attendance:

Christy Gabbard, Christy Barba, Carrie Geiger

Meeting called to order by Dyonne McGraw at 5:35 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jim Bice

Seconded by Brenda Breil

Moved to adopt the agenda for the October 20 SAC Meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon vote: Motion passed 14 – 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Michael Poole

Seconded by Stephen Tucker

Moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 SAC Meeting as presented.

The question was called.

Upon vote: Motion passed 14 – 0

REQUEST FOR  
TRAVEL FUNDING

Christy Barba requested \$125 in funds for meals, lodging, and transportation for presentations at the NCTE Conference and the FAST Conference.

Motion by Jim Bice

Seconded by Janie Williams

Moved to provide funding as presented.

The question was called.

Upon vote: Motion passed 14 – 0

DIVISION REPORTS:

**Elementary School:** Michael Poole K/1 Learning Community is using iPads; 2/3 Learning Community is using Chromebooks “Fresh Grade” and “Sum Dog” programs; 4/5 Learning Community is totally immersed in Chromebook use for writing, math, and reading. Parents are able to blog with the teachers for student goal setting and communication.

**Middle School:** Brenda Breil  
6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies is paperless - students are using Chromebooks



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and Google classroom for everything. 7<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts is using Chromebooks and Google classroom to differentiate instruction. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies is also using Chromebooks and Google classroom.

## **High School:** Mickey McDonald

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students use Google classroom and Purleiu and use Chromebooks for writing. Seniors utilize technology for the senior projects and related research assignments.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION

Christy Gabbard addressed clarification questions and editing needs as suggested by SAC members.

Motion by Meryl Klein to  
approve with revisions

Seconded by Michael Poole

Moved to accept with revisions.

The question was called.

Upon vote: Motion passed 14 – 0

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Diyonne McGraw read Cathy Atria's report:

- Opening night of the fall drama production *Every Seventeen Seconds, the Crowd Goes Crazy* is Wednesday (tomorrow) at 7:00 pm. Shows are Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 pm.
- George Pringle – 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher – is one of 4 finalists from Florida for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.
- The marching band competed at Tarpon Springs last Saturday and won first in class. They compete this coming Saturday at the Southern Showcase at Santa Fe High School.
- Boys' Golf are district champs and competed at Regionals, yesterday.
- Girls' Varsity Volleyball play in the district semi-finals tonight and in the district championship on Thursday night at Oak Hall.
- 5 boys on the cross country team qualified for the middle school state series competition and 2 qualified for the state series high school competition.
- Picture retakes are scheduled for October 26.
- Homecoming week was a success:
  - Participation in the dress-up theme days was fantastic – students across all grade levels dressed up, daily – please visit our webpage for photos
  - High Tide was well-attended and a great show – Larry McDaniel (a PKY alum) was the keynote speaker
  - The parade had approximately 37 groups marching – more than in years' past
  - The football team was victorious with a 44 – 0 win over Interlachen
  - We instituted a new 'most spirited class' award for the high school. Grade levels earned points for participation in the dress-up days, door decorating contest, High Tide competitions, and parade participation. The senior class of 2017 won! Next year, we plan to add awards for middle and elementary school.



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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Diyonne McGraw read Lynda Hayes' report:

- On Friday, October 16, we hosted a visit from Representative Adkins to P.K. Yonge. Rep. Adkins serves on the Florida House K-12 Education Committee and the Subcommittee for School Choice & Innovation. Rep. Adkins was visiting as a follow up to Dr. Holly Lane's presentation at her educational summit focused on teaching students with dyslexia to read. Dr. Lane from the UF Special Education program has been partnering with P.K. Yonge to take advantage of our Summer Adventures in Literacy Program, or SAIL, to support the training of future elementary and special education teachers each summer. Last summer Dr. Lane's 6-credit course had more than 50 students who partnered with 10 PKY elementary teachers to provide daily individual tutoring and small group instruction for 100 PKY and greater Gainesville community elementary students. Rep. Adkins had the opportunity to observe the contrasts in our facilities between elementary and secondary and immediately recognized the pressing need for her support to complete our campus rebuilding project. We are hopeful that she might take the lead in supporting budgetary and statutory language for P.K. Yonge in the upcoming session.
- Dr. Hayes and Dr. Atria are on their way to Tallahassee with Dr. Joyce-Beaulieu, our professor-in-residence and school psychologist, and Julie Henderson to make a presentation to the House Education Subcommittee on School Choice & Innovation first thing in the morning. Dr. Hayes will be sharing data about the impact of PKY's multi-tiered system of supports framework on student achievement at P.K. Yonge and helping our elected officials understand PKY's activity related to the legislated mission of developmental research schools.

## ADJOURN

Motion by Jim Bice

Seconded Mickey MacDonald

Moved to adjourn the October 20, 2015 SAC Meeting at 6:50 pm.

The question was called.

Upon vote: Motion passed 14 – 0