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

**10/17/2017**

**Member Attendance:** Mayra Cordero, Carrie Geiger, Lenedra Graham, Meryl Klein, Angela Kohnen, Joseph Locke, Mickey MacDonald, Wantanisha Morant, Osmara Salas, Kristin Weller, Janie Williams, Christine Woods

**Member Absences:** Michelle Grant-Harris, Carly Labrada, Lynda Hayes, Diyonne McGraw, Samuel Ray

**Guest Attendance:** Christy Barba, Renee Andrews, Clint Kovach, Melanie Harris, Christy Gabbard, Melissa Curry

**Meeting called to order at 5:33 by Carrie Geiger**

## **OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA**

- Motion to revise agenda by Carrie Geiger
  - Remove Power Hour and Dual Enrollment update from agenda
- Seconded by Wantanisha Morant
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0
  
- Motion to revise agenda by Joe Locke
  - Add Power Hour and Dual Enrollment update to November Agenda
- Seconded by Janie Williams
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0

## **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

- Motion to accept by Osmara Salas
- Seconded by Christine Woods
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0

## **TRAVEL FUNDING REQUESTS**

- Renee Andrews
  - Presenting at the National Science Teachers Association Regional Conference (NSTA) – New Orleans
  - November 30 – December 2, 2017
  - Requested \$800 (lodging, registration, transportation)
    - Motion to approve funding request by Wantanisha Morant
    - Seconded by Lenedra Graham
    - The question was called.
    - Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0
  - **Renee Andrews receiving \$800**



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- Kristin Weller, Christy Barba, Melanie Harris, Clint Kovach
  - Presenting at Florida Educational Research Association (FERA)
  - November 16-17, 2017
  - Requested \$215 each (lodging, registration, meals)
    - Motion to approve funding request for Christy, Clint, and Melanie and wait-list Kristin until April meeting by Christine Woods
    - Seconded by Mickey MacDonald
    - The question was called.
    - Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0
  - **Clint Kovach receiving \$215**
  - **Christy Barba receiving \$215**
  - **Melanie Harris receiving \$215**
  - **Kristin Weller – wait-listed until April meeting for approval/reimbursement of \$215**

## SAC School Improvement Discussion

### HEALTH-SMART PRESENTATION – Victoria Rodriguez and Austin Folger

- Shared research completed at PK regarding motivation factors in making healthy choices with drink/food
- Ongoing research at PK throughout the academic year
- Farm to School – Mickey doing this with the PK garden through Biology classes
  - Request to have an update about this program in the spring

### SCHOOL RECOGNITION FUNDS DISTRIBUTION – Mickey MacDonald FPC/Faculty Proposal

- 34 Faculty voted – 33 yes, 1 no
- Equally distribute the total state allocation in proportion to FTE employment for returning faculty and staff (includes TEAMS, USPS, and OPS)--excluding substitutes--with an assignment of .25 FTE or greater.
  - Clarifying Note 1: If someone is employed 25% of the time (.25 FTE), they would get 25% of the distribution etc.
  - Clarifying Note 2: If someone was hired before 1/15/17, they will receive 100% of the money distributed. If someone was placed on the payroll after 1/15/17 and before June 1, 2017, they will receive 50% of the distribution.
  - Clarifying Note 3: Faculty/staff on sick leave, family leave, or professional development leave during the school year are considered the same as any other faculty not on sick or family leave.
- Motion to approve by Janie Woods
- Seconded by Wantanisha Morant
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Carrie Geiger

- Dress Code
  - Teacher/Administration conversation to discuss current dress code
  - Committee formed to through FPC to look at dress code (Natalie Andrews chairperson)
  - Input from students through Student Government - will conduct a student "town-hall" meeting
  - By next year, creation of new dress code with input from stakeholders (faculty, student, parent)
- Student Survey



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- Developed in collaboration with our school psychology team and student and family services (norm-referenced)
- Will be given in 6-12 grade ELA courses
- Designed to assess:
  - Acceptance of diversity
  - Interpersonal communication and relationships
  - School belonging or connectedness
  - School safety (e.g., bullying)
- Once we get the data, we will identify and analyze problems, plan implementation and evaluation

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Carrie Geiger (Lynda Hayes absent)

- Working with Schenk|Schultz architectural firm to complete construction drawings for our 6-12 building
- Several meetings have taken place and more to come in effort to secure additional funding for construction of 6-12 building
  - Active support from Dean of COE, funding commitment from Provost, donor gifts, available PECO and reserve funds – we are halfway to our needed \$20.8M
  - Possible internal UF loan
- Series of trips to innovative schools and conventions for faculty members planned to prepare for teaching in new facilities
- Five PKY faculty have completed submitting their packets for promotion

## **Survey about Power Hour and A/B Scheduling?** Meryl Klein and Osmara Salas

- Request for creation of a survey for students and parents concerning Power Hour and A/B Scheduling
- Osmara shared a student survey and a parent survey she created
  - Will share via email to all SAC members
  - There is a subcommittee on Power Hour through FPC – November 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Members of SAC who wish to participate in discussion will attend a separate meeting with subcommittee

## **Event of October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- If parents wish to keep students home, they need to write a note – absence will be excused
- Carrie shared that there has been frequent communication with UF law enforcement – student safety is priority

## **ADJOURN**

- Motion by Joe Locke
- Seconded by Wantanisha Morant
- Moved to adjourn the October 17, 2017 meeting
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12 – 0
- Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm