Palm Valley Academy

SAC Meeting

November 12th, 2024 / 16:00 / Media Center

**Quorum: yes**

**Attendees:**

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| **Members :** | | **Non-member :** |
| Christopher Arcuri | Kathleen Shaw | Tina Golden |
| Samantha Baker | Jodi Wojtowicz | Ashley Zapata |
| Britany Hulsey |  | Bonnie Curran |
| Zach Strom |  | Amy Nass |
| Darcie Daniels |  | Bethany Rowbottom |
| Stacie Gopal |  | Lori Danko |
| Amanda Sgroi |  |  |
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**Call to Order: 4:01 pm: Mr. Arcuri**

1. **Treasury Update – Mr. Zach Strom** 
   1. $26,527.07 **before** Mrs. Fennelly’s trip
      1. Mr. Strom informed the group that Mrs. Fennelly is currently on this business trip and the following updated budget is as of November 12, 2024.
   2. **Updated** budget $24,533.26
2. **District Required – Mr. Christopher Arcuri Jr.** 
   1. Two district accounts (program 102 and program 805)
   2. Must submit fund requests to SAC a week prior to monthly meeting
   3. Funds cannot be overturned by principal or school district staff
   4. School Recognition Funds shall be awarded the winter of the next school year
      1. Staff and school advisory council vote for fund allocation
         1. If no agreement is met, then the money gets equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school of the previous year
         2. Katie Barns has not heard about funds for this school year
         3. Reminder: School Recognition Ballots are for the next year’s funds
3. **Principal Report – Mr. Zach Strom**
   1. Expressed concern for his daughter and her health. Shared that he may need to step out and other administration would continue the meeting.
   2. Veterans Day at PVA went wonderful. PVA used this hurricane make-up day to celebrate with bagels and honoring those who serve/served our country (around 100 parents, grandparents, etc. attended). What a beautiful celebration.
   3. 2024-2025 school year community and classroom events have been successful.
   4. Teacher Observations have been positive.
   5. PVA is in a good spot academically. Administration looks forward to December testing, specifically towards PM2 data for growth opportunities.
   6. Full day Wednesdays - due to Hurricane make up time
      1. Pivot for PD groups
         1. Schedules
            1. Middle School use PAWS time (35-45 minutes)
            2. Elementary additional Wednesday Schedule (70-minute block once during make up window)
   7. Middle School PLC TDE scheduled for January 2025
4. **Source of Strength – Ms. Ashley Zapata and Mrs. Danko** 
   1. Mrs. Upchurch - District Liaison
   2. OneJax – Creekside incorporates program by using small pieces at a time
      1. OneJax representative and Mr. Strom plan to meet before Thanksgiving break to discuss next steps
   3. Mrs. Zapata and Mrs. Danko presented Source of Strength
      1. Video Presentation
      2. Mrs. Zapata and Mrs. Danko
         1. PVA is creating a peer group for healthier peer relationships
         2. District presented Source of Strength to coaches
            1. Counselors were available for guidance
         3. Students requested and teachers nominated middle school students to be a part of this peer group (60 invites)
            1. Monday, November 18th - district coming to speak to those selected peer leaders
         4. PAWS time will be used for meeting time
         5. PVA specifically looked for a diverse group of students – relatable to ALL students
            1. Encouraging positive conversations amongst students
            2. Looking for a positive change during and outside of school hours
         6. Mrs. Curran shared her viewpoint “was a positive outcome” from previous school
         7. Selections were available for ALL middle school students, and ALL were invited to join (information shared through cafeteria/middle school teachers/PE class/Guidance Counselors/Electives/ETC.
      3. Source of Strength invitations
         1. Invitations were handed out November 11th and/or November 12th
         2. WEB students personally helped with distribution and creating invitations
   4. Sandy Hook Promise
      1. Searching for answers on how to use Source of Strength vs. Sandy Hook Promise
      2. Asked to be put on record, “asked concerns to be noted by previous notetaker and administration as a concern for multiple years”
      3. Sandy Hook Promise asked by SAC representatives, “to be discussed and considered as a platform for PVA for multiple years”
      4. Sandy Hook Promise was agreed upon to be added to the November agenda, in the October notes, yet was left off
         1. Agenda sent out by Mr. Arcuri, used to prepare for November meeting, was not the same once at meeting
         2. Mr. Strom was supposed to look up Sandy Hook Promise and Source of Strength to compare
         3. Mr. Arcuri sent out agenda and then was not available until November 12th to discuss with Mr. Strom events on agenda and the Sandy Hook Promise was removed from the agenda.
      5. Previous statement number 4 led to concerns of individuals preparing for opportunities for discussion and not having those opportunities.
         1. Representatives reported, “hours wasted spent looking up information on Sandy Hook Promise,”
         2. Reassurance and support were given by Mr. Arcuri
            1. PVA’s 2024-2025 SIP was a direct correlation with SAC’s concerns.
            2. PVA heard the concern regarding bullying/school safety/etc. in which the SIP added a culture of kindness thread as one of its elements.
   5. WEB class student concerns
      1. - concerns were shared with how the W.E.B. Program is being implemented this year- across the school day, without a designated class period and without an available teacher
      2. - current roll out leads to a lot of student shuffling around each day, unsupervised time and little instruction
      3. - W.E.B. Students could be utilized as the program was intended to provide peer support, school culture building and leadership which is a key component of the Sources of Strength program and also our current School Improvement goal of school culture.
      4. concerns regarding wasted resources and student potential was emphasized
      5. Mr. Strom will meet to discuss WEB one on one outside this meeting with parents/members that are concerned
   6. Bullying Survey Discussion
      1. Mr. Strom stated that this survey will be given again this 2024-2025 school year.
         1. PVA is looking at January for a second survey and April for a final survey.
         2. Administration will analyze data received and review for target topics
         3. Administration will present data collected in the future – dates to follow
         4. Mr. Strom is expecting spikes to come from specific questions
      2. He would like to have this survey given three-time each year
5. **Funds Request – Elementary P.E. Professional Development** 
   1. Coach Henson and Coach Hastings
      1. 2025 Share the Wealth in Jekyll Island
         1. Covers Goal # 3 - supports cooperation and kindness within our SIP
         2. $647 for each coach
         3. SAC has covered in previous years
         4. A hard copy of requests was requested in the future
            1. Mr. Arcuri will have these available in the future when requests are submitted.
            2. Mr. Arcuri will have a hard copy available in the December meeting of this request
      2. Motion to approve B. Hulsey. Seconded by S. Gopal.

Approved unanimously.

1. **October minutes Review and Approval**
   1. Asked to put on record, “According to notes, “Sandy Hook Promise – awareness of at -risk behaviors – Mrs. Gopal would bring to this meeting”
   2. Asked to put on record, “NJHS and WEB would like to work with Sandy Hook Promise – Ms. Stofko reports that time is an issue”
   3. Motion to approve minutes B. Hulsey. Seconded by S. Gopal.

Approved unanimously.

1. **Additional Member Discussion**
   1. Tina Golden voted in as a member of SAC
      1. Motion to approve S. Baker. Seconded by S. Gopal.

Approved unanimously.

1. **Good of the Group**
   1. Build-A-Bobcat Fundraiser
      1. PTO Funded for PVA needs
         1. PBIS material
         2. Assemblies for middle school
         3. Bobcat Den
         4. Bully Initiatives
   2. Mrs. Samantha Baker
      1. Applauded for her hard work and dedication
      2. Milage and half-cent sales tax passed in St. Johns County due to a rally of voices for change
   3. Middle School spirit week
      1. First time held in PVA history
      2. Positive responses by all – teachers, students, parents, etc.
      3. Middle school students were looking for separation and appreciated that their voices were heard
2. **November Minutes Review and Approval** 
   1. November Minutes will be review and approved in December meeting
3. **Adjournment**
   1. Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm

**Next meeting:** Tuesday December 3rd, 2024, at 4pm