Palm Valley Academy

SAC Meeting 10/4/2024

10/1/2024 / 16:00 / Media Center

**Quorum: yes**

**Attendees:**

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| **Members :**  | **Non-member :**  |
| **Christopher Arcuri** |  | Tina Golden |
| **Samantha Baker** | **Jayme Stofko** | Hollee Mitchell |
| **Anne Chance** | **Zach Strom** | Bonnie Curran |
| **Daniela Chiriboga** | **Elaine Vulcano** | Amy Nass |
| **Darcie Daniels** | **Jodi Wojtowicz** | Bethany Rowbottom |
| **Corinne Fennelly** | **Kathleen Shaw** | Meghan Ridout |
| **Stacie Gopal** |  | Amanda Thelen |
| **Britany Hulsey** |  | Yuri Scanlan |
|  |  | Paul Scanlan |

**Call to Order: 4:04 pm: Mr. Arcuri**

1. **PLC Presentation (part of Principal’s Report)**

PLC meeting update- September 2024.

* Funded by PTO and the school for 23 people
* PLCs are processes that empower educators to work collaboratively in cycles
* The PLC process is important because they embrace high levels of learning for ALL the students as the reason of the organization and the fundamental responsibility for those who work within it.
* 4 critical questions- 1. what do we want our students to know 2. how will we know if each student has learned it 3. how will we respond when some students do not learn it, 4. how will we extend the learning for students who have demonstrated proficiency.
* Got to meet teachers who were nationally and internationally renown
* Creating a movement within the school- the community as a whole will benefit.
1. **Treasurer’s report**

$26,527.07(*minus $2275 committed to Ms. Fennelley)*

1. **Co-chair introduction.**

Mr. Arcuri introduced Ms. Kathleen Shaw as 2024-2025 co-chair.

1. **Minutes review and approval**

Motion to approve minutes D. Chiriboga. Seconded by Ms. Stofko. Approved unanimously.

1. **Bylaws and membership review and approval**

Motion to approve Sam Baker- Second- Jodi Wojtowicz Approved unanimously

Membership sheet reviewed.

Question asked about community member- Mr. Strom to appoint. Question about if they should be voting members. Will be voted on by email.

1. **District required presentation**

SIP- required document outlining the school’s goals that address the needs of the school.

Developed by school leadership. Finalized by principal.

SAC is available to advise the principal, but the principal has final decision on all components of SIP.

SIP is the driving force for decisions within SAC. Must be presented to SAC by the Principal and should guide all SAC funding decisions.

1. **Principal’s report**

Using PM1 data, the standards that the lowest 25% need to improve have been identified. Sometimes it is only one standard that needs work.

Data is being used to break down information by benchmark, to identify some of the gaps, and to identify through PLCs how to reach those benchmarks.

Learning ladders- vertical progression of skills, so that when a child is struggling with one benchmark, the immediate standard below it can be identified to work with small groups.

Formative assessments are being aligned to standards, so that students, teachers and parents can identify and communicate about specifics for which the student is struggling with.

Professional learning for September provided activities for class building with an application to an academic setting.

3rd grade PLC is being led from within.

Culture of kindness: PBIS rewards started. Focusing on character counts.

WEBB program- will be working with 6th grade for the first time.

The peer leadership group will start out with Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week.

Question about repeating the survey of Middle School students for school culture.

Mr. Strom offers to email out the survey to SAC.

Deans have created a program for responses to bullying.

Discussion about derogatory comments and how these can be addressed through a student leadership.

Suggestion to bring Metrotown.

Sandy Hook Promise- awareness of at-risk behaviors. – Mrs. Gopal would advise.

School-based leaders need guidance to be able to be leaders and have it in place, but are not being utilized- goal is to get the program on board to make it happen.

NJHS and WEB would like to work with Sandy Hook Promise- Ms. Stofko reports that time is an issue.

Question about PLC time: Mr. Strom reports that in Elementary, the day has been structured to allow a 70 minute block for PLC. A guiding coalition has been created with parents who attended, and will meet. Using PAWS time to allow teachers to meet as grade level groups in Middle School.

1. **Good of the group**

Mr. Strom October 16th at 6 pm for a joint meeting for PTO and SAC for Referendum presentation from district.

**Adjournment-** meeting adjourned at 5:11.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday November 5th

*Submitted by Daniela Chiriboga.*