

## High Springs Community School

### School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

Members in Attendance: **Lynn McNeill**, School Principal **Jenni Roberson**, Assistant Principal; **Sherry Sakai**, **Amy Whitfield**, **William McMahan** Teachers; **Sharon Martensen**, **Stacy Cannon**, **Jarod Howard** Parents; **Chief Anthony Sheppard** Community Member. Heather Caballero joined the meeting today.

Meeting called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Chairperson Sherry Sakai. Meeting agenda was provided to each member via email ahead of the meeting.

Ensuing orders of business:

- A. Minutes from last meeting (March 16, 2021) disseminated to all attending committee members and reviewed. Motion to approve made by Sherry Sakai with correction of update on typo of date February 3, 2020 to February 3, 2021. Motion seconded by William McMahan. With no further discussion, motion approved unanimously with no abstentions.
- B. Membership update
  - a. There are two vacant parent positions to fill on the SAC committee. Parent nominations were sent out via Skylert and the vote was sent out through Survey Monkey but IT issues have occurred with viewing results. Teacher nominations have been sent out and expecting results to be in next week. Citizens members for the SAC will also be enlisted. This will allow the SAC committee to have a balance of all 3 types of members.
- C. Budget update
  - a. McNeill explain page one is identical to last month with \$39,971.22 initial budget. Only thing that has changed with funding is for tutoring cost of \$602.60 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade tutoring on page two of the budget. The grades K, 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> have in house tutoring, SAC is funding 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and the district is paying for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade for tutoring.
  - b. Ending budget on page two shows \$28,862.89 after taking out the tutoring cost of \$602.60 along with previous expenses.
- D. Funding Request
  - a. Request would cover the cost of items for the 21-22 school year including Nicky Folders for grades K-2 and planner for grades 3-8. Sherry Sakai commented how helpful these items are for ensuring the students stay organized. Motion to approve by Stacy Cannon. Motion was second by Jarod Howard.
- E. Mrs. McNeill discussed how FSA testing is well in progress and will continue through May and into June. State has allowed for it to be spread throughout next 2 months to allow for digital students to complete. District is providing some additional days for summer school of 8 days from various grade levels.

- F. Discipline data looks good for this school year. This is expected from the district that we continue to make improvement to reduce number of suspension and behavioral referrals at our school. Suspension number are reduced this school year from last year even though we have approximately 900 plus students on campus from normally student of well over 1,000.
  
- G. Sharon Martensen discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and could HSCS leadership come together for a discussion to what can be done with this event. Mrs. McNeil informed the SAC members that at last principals meeting in March 2021 they discussed what schools could and could not do. Still to this day middle and elementary in Alachua County schools are not permitted to have non-employees come on campus. Plan was submitted for drive through bridging ceremony and approve by COVID committee. Mrs. McNeill recognized how difficult this is and acknowledge the parent frustrations of all events through all grade levels, all events from field trips, and even kindergarten round up. Mrs. Martensen requested if a graduation event off campus occurred, hosted by parents, could teachers and staff attend? Mrs. McNeill stated she cannot approval of off campus event that appears as large gatherings and cannot give approval for videos because it could give impression of large gatherings. Mrs. McNeill also reminded members that school gyms can only be a 25% capacity and these types of decisions are made at the District level not at the individual school levels.
  
- H. Mrs. McNeill acknowledged the discussions by many parents that middle schoolers will be sent to a different school. She heard the Superintendent state, as well as parents have heard at ACSB meetings, that all elementary schools should be K-5. Nothing has been told to Mrs. McNeill as of right now. Things could occur and change. Heather Caballero states that keep eye on all meetings by ACSB because they will discuss and could make quick changes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm