



**High Springs Community School**

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes**

**September 7, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lynn McNeill, School Principal

Robin Bourg, Assistant Principal

**Teachers:** Gloria Jackson, Sherry Sakai

**Parents:** Jarod Howard

**Community Members:** Vickie Cox, Chief Antoine Sheppard

**Guests:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm by Robin Bourg. Meeting agenda was provided to each member via email ahead of the meeting.

**Ensuing Order of Business:**

**A. Minutes:**

- Discussion was held on the approval of the previous meeting minutes.
- The minutes from the May Meeting were approved pending correction of grammar errors.
- Corrections will be made by Vickie Cox.

**B. Election of Officers:**

- Jenny Highlander was elected president of the SAC Committee.
- Vickie Cox was elected secretary.

**C. Meeting Dates:**

- Those in attendance approved the meeting dates: November 9, 2021, January 11, 2022, March 8, 2022 and May 17, 2022.
- Meetings are on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.

**D. Florida State Assessment Data:**

- Mrs. McNeill shared the tentative results of the Florida State Assessment given from March through June of 2021.
- In Language Arts 61% of the students scored at grade level or above. In reading and writing 61% of the students made an annual learning gain.
- Forty one percent of the lowest readers made gains.
- In math there were gains in 67% of the lowest math students.
- Science was measured in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with 60% or more of the students scoring at or above grade level. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had the highest science scores in the county.
- In Civics the 7<sup>th</sup> graders scored the highest in the county with 88% of the students scoring at or above grade level.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> graders received Honors in Algebra I.
- In second grade 85% of the students were at or above grade level.

- In the 9 categories measured, HSCS scored 563 points – 560 points are required to become an “A” school. Mrs. McNeill reported the school was one of only two schools in the county to receive that designation.

**E. School Improvement Targets:**

- A draft of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) is due to the District Coordinator by the end of September.
- Data on students with learning disabilities has not yet been released so it will be difficult to write the SIP plan. The AIMS Testing can be used but that is not valuable data.
- Students in K-3 are already being assessed so learning gains can be measured.

**F. Budget:**

- At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, there was \$28,862.89 in the budget.
- The budget was approved for this school year. Money for Advanced Placement (this is made when students are tracked through high school and funds are given for the number of former HSCS students who take advanced classes in high school) and for the Lottery will be added.
- The cost of math materials was \$442.13.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade tutoring is covered by the school and K, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 is covered by the District.
- The budget cost of \$1,300.40 will cover the elementary planners (not yet received) and \$1,477.14 is set for the middle school planners.
- The school joined the District in using Reflex Math, a web-based math program on basic math, and was able to save 50% of the cost of the program.

**G. Request for Funding:**

- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade requested \$1,250 for non-consumable science and math lessons for hands on experiences for the students. Science scores have been slipping for three years and the teachers feel the hands on activities will help the students.
- Vickie Cox made a motion to approve the expenditure; this was seconded by Sherry Sakai and passed.
- Discussion was held about the school facilities; no upgrades are slated to start in the next year.

**Adjournment** was at 3:16.

Submitted by:  
Vickie Cox, Secretary

