



Alice B. Landrum Middle School

SAC Minutes – 11/21/19

ATTENDEES

Principal:

Ryan Player

Chair:

Erika Carpenter (teacher)

Co-Chair:

Lynn Coles (teacher)

Landrum Representatives:

Kelly Sumner (teacher)

Nancy Davis (teacher)

Ruba Nazi (non-instructional)

SJCSD Buddy:

Donna Soncrant

School Board Representative:

Kelly Barerra

Guests:

Kathleen Pak

Parent Representatives:

Elizabeth Paul

Caroline Preston

Elizabeth Davis

Mel Intemann (PTO)

Cindy Itkoff

Paul Wilkinson

Business Partner:

David Mason

Absent: Elizabeth Paul, Stacey Dobbins, Michelle Henzey (teacher), Gwen Griggs

A meeting of the Landrum Middle School Advisory Council (SAC) was held on November 21, 2019. Chair Erika Carpenter called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Co-Chair Ms. Coles recorded the minutes. The October minutes were reviewed. One correction was made: Wilson Wingate not Nelson Wingate. Ms. E. Davis motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Intemann seconded this motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Principal's News

- Mental Health Update: The five hours of training are set but still needs approval. Two of the hours will be Mental Health 101, 1 hour on vaping, 1 hour on substance abuse, and 1 hour on human trafficking.
- The Midterm Exam schedule is posted. Not all courses have midterms. High school credit courses and courses with district exams will have midterms. Testing for other classes will depend on the department and grade level, possibly a unit test or cumulative test.
- Eight faculty and administration members will travel to Palm Beach December 12-13 to learn about collaborative and project-based learning.

Landrum Successes

- We recently celebrated Red Ribbon Week and homerooms with the most participation were awarded a donut party.
- Mr. D'Agostino secured a \$3000 grant from Earth Fare for our buddy garden (courtyard) and Ms. Coles secured a \$380 grant focused on a butterfly habitat from the St. Augustine Garden Club.
- We had engaging Sunshine State book authors' visits in the Learning Commons on Halloween.
- PTO purchased a class set of the books for Ms. Truitt's classroom.
- Fall Fest was a big success and the faculty and Dean Grall all survived the dunk tank.
- Unity Day was celebrated October 23. The homerooms that wore the most orange were awarded a donut party.
- The inaugural Landrum 3K run/walk coordinated by Ms. Usry and the cross country team was November 20.
- Both the boys' and the girls' volleyball won their tournaments.
- The IMPACT Walk of Remembrance is Monday, November 25.
- The Thanksgiving basket drive, coordinated by Student Council, served 18 of our families.

Budget Update

Ms. E. Davis, treasurer, reported that our total budget is \$18,410.78.

PTO Update

- The Landrum Lion Fundraiser Challenge is almost at \$24,000; the goal is \$60,000.
- The Bahama Relief Effort is delayed until after Thanksgiving due to so much happening.
- Teacher mini-grants expire December 31.
- 233 students and the Art department worked on the spectacular Lionfish chair for Deck the Chairs. The events opens to the public this weekend and Landrum Spirit Night is December 5 at 5 p.m.
- Landrum is partnering with the Beaches Go Green club. Parent Laura Byrne is our liaison and there will be a presentation December 3 in the auditorium at 2 p.m.

New Business

- Ms. Jodi Johnson, ESE teacher, presented the Read Naturally Live request. This is a reading intervention program with a focus on reading fluency and comprehension. David Mason made a motion to open the floor for discussion and to approve the request, Ms. E. Davis seconded the motion. After discussion the request was approved.
- Ms. Carpenter presented the Flocabulary request. Flocabulary is a standards-based, cross-curricular, music lesson program. Ms. N. Davis made a motion to open the floor for discussion and to approve the request, Ms. E. Davis seconded the motion. After discussion the request was approved.

School Board Update

Ms. Barerra reported on issues that impact District 4. This morning she attended "Turning the Tide," about the youth epidemic of vaping. Among teens, current vaping and juul use is higher than 1999 cigarette use. This is something that needs to be on all educators' radar. She also reported on Project Innovation, which had many fantastic projects including many local environmental-related projects. Ms. Barerra also attended National Philanthropy Day, where the Music Therapy Program was honored with Best Civic Organization. Ms. Barerra also spoke about the importance of honoring and appreciating teachers and school-related employees.

Old Business

- Ms. Rocha update on World Language Text Adoption. Six publishers are coming in. The committee met two weeks ago and is still looking for volunteers. If interested, go to the county website at the 2019-2020 Instructional Materials Adoption tab.
- Welcome back Ms. Sumner!

Adjournment

Ms. Sumner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. N. Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m. Our next meeting is January, 16 2020 at 2:00pm in the media center.