

LMS SAC Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2025

Attendees: co-chair Jayne Devine, Sam Gayso co-chair, Mr. Kasting Principal, Ericka Monroy (staff member representative), Michelle Henzey (faculty), Jenn Myer (faculty), Edie Williams (business partner), Gia Moyer (student member), Jane Lowery (student member), Jessica Sellers (parent), Tiffany Neal (parent), Kristin Lunsford (parent), Tracey Hemmingway (district buddy), Denise Verheul (parent), Danielle A. Somerville (parent)

Absent: Regan Cartwright

Guests: Jared Shaw

2:10 Ms. Devine called the meeting to order and asked for the review of the previous month's minutes. There were no objects to the minutes. Jenn Myer made a motion to approve the minutes with spelling corrections, seconded by Edie Williams. All approved the minutes; none were opposed.

Principal's News:

- Next week is Red Ribbon Week: annual alcohol, tobacco, drug, and violence prevention campaign. We have spirit days to celebrate and promote Red Ribbon Week. It's important that we recognize that and that the kids get that message.
- Spirit Week (10/27-10/31): Twin Day, College Day, Disney Day, Decade Day, and Halloween Day (no face coverings, face paint, no fake weapons etc.). When kids love it, why not?
- Several school, local, and national student contests being promoted at LMS:
 - Anti-bullying campaign (from Ms. Myers). Students create and submit art; the winner receives \$500 and their art work becomes the cover
 - Patriot Pen contest: \$5000 reward. Students write about "What does it mean to be a patriot?"
 - Mr. Lambert is sponsoring the two-sentence scary story contest. Winners get a movie screening with a +1.
- Mr. Kasting acknowledged the note on Parent Square about a threat-based incident yesterday. He noted that we train our kids and staff to "see something, say something," and they did. The school threat assessment team and Officer Brown had the issue resolved within an hour. Mr. Kasting was happy to report that that has been successfully resolved and that the kids did the right thing.
- Mr. Kasting gave an update on the upcoming science department trip. Ms. Blunk and Mr. Myers are attending the SAC-approved NSTA Conference in Minneapolis in November. Mr. Myers' goal is to turn science instruction on its head and provide less "sit and get"

curriculum. Any time teachers want to change the dynamic and paradigm in their classroom, Mr. Kasting is all about it.

Budget Update:

- SAC account \$5,651.23
- School Rec. Funds: \$26,534.99

PTO Update:

- Next meeting is on Monday.
- PTO funded iPads and is working on purchasing additional calculators for state testing.
 - Mr. Kasting added that individual calculators make testing more student-friendly, and avoids unnecessary, extra clicks. We anticipate the calculators having a positive effect on testing. Scratch paper and pencils will also be provided during testing.
- PVHS PTO hosted event with Sheriff Hardwick on online safety (social media, inappropriate contact with kids online, etc.). The event was better attended than others, but more needed to attend to hear this powerful and important message. The Sheriff's department and officers talked about the specifics of how cases like these are investigated and reported, and they talked about big arrests and cases locally in St. Johns County. They also provided information on how parents can protect their children online, and provided a brochure with eighteen apps parents should know about. PTO will try to post video of the presentation if people want to catch up on those materials.
 - Mr. Kasting added that the deans at LMS are aware of some apps like these that may be disguised as other apps (calculator app).
 - Ms. Barrera emphasized that she approaches the subject with a protective standpoint. Students shouldn't be embarrassed or made to be ashamed of a mistake and should be comfortable finding support in situations like this.

Ms. Barrera Report:

- The school board is seeking two teacher representatives who live and work in District 4 to help with the mileage report committee. Ideally, one teacher would be from Ponte Vedra Beach and one from Nocatee if possible.
- Ms. Barrera also spoke about Sheriff Hardwick's online safety event at PVHS.

- The school board is also voting on new school rezoning for RR (Nocatee) and QQ (Silverleaf) in November. The information is posted for 30 days. New principals for those school should be announced after winter break.
- Ms. Barrera spoke briefly about controlled enrollment. LMS not included in this next year because our population above 90%, but Ocean Palms and PVPV Rawlings are open for controlled enrollment. She encourages parents to look into those school since they are top-rated in the state.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- We are in the process of purchasing SCOPE magazine as proposed in the September meeting.
- We are also gearing up for science convention in November.
 - Special Thank You to Edie Williams and State Farm for providing gift cards for the teachers attending the convention.

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

- Funding for new flag is in the works.

Adjournment:

- Ms. Devine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33. Ms. Henzey seconded the motion.