Valley Ridge Academy

SAC Meeting

3/21/17

SAC Chair: Holly Southworth

Acting Secretary / Scribe: James Lee

1. Call to Order: Holly Southworth
   1. Call to Order at: 3:31
   2. Quorum met
2. January and February Minutes Review and Approval
   1. Corrections and revisions to typos were noted
   2. Motion to approve minutes from both months made at: 3:34
   3. Seconded at: 3:34
   4. Minutes were approved
3. Principal Update: Sandra McMandon
   1. Introduction of Tiffany Turner
      1. New Instructional Literacy Coach
         1. Comes to us from Liberty Pines Academy
   2. Recognition of 8th grade student Aditya Singh
      1. Winner of the regional science fair competitions
      2. Moving to the state Science Fair competition during the last weekend of March
      3. He was recognized at the district school board meeting on 3/21/17
   3. Balanced Literacy update
      1. Recognize and thank the finical support from the PTO to purchase materials for the Balanced Literacy update
   4. Testing update
      1. FSA testing will start next week
      2. VRA website has the testing schedule posted
   5. Construction update
      1. No major hiccups and currently in the final touch ups and inspection stage
4. Student Code of Conduct Review
   1. Paul Abbatinozzi, Director of Student Services, asked for input from SAC’s throughout the district via a survey
   2. 5-7 minutes to review the Student Code of Conduct at table groups and offer input
   3. Initial input from each table group was provided to Ms. Southworth
      1. Ms. Southworth read the initial suggestions to the everyone for further comment from the whole group
   4. All input was asked to be given to Ms. Southworth by end of the day tomorrow and she will complete the survey from the district
   5. Group wanted it noted that consistency within the District when it comes to dress code
5. Old Business
   1. SAC Funds Request: Brian Gifford for PBIS
      1. Requesting $1000.00 for PBIS initiative
      2. Motion to approve was made at: 3:40 pm
      3. Motion seconded at: 3:40 pm
      4. Motion carried via voice vote
   2. SAC Survey
      1. Published on VRA website and sent out via School Messenger and email on March 10th
      2. Teachers have been asked to publish through class newsletters
      3. We currently have 113 responses but we are certainly looking for more, at least 10% of school population
6. New Business
   1. SAC Attendance and 5 Star Requirements
      1. 2 more meetings
         1. April 11th
         2. May 9th
         3. Five Star update
            1. Ann Fishman

Need an average of 80% attendance for the year

* + - 1. If you unable to make the meetings, please let Ms. Southworth know
         1. Possible to remove people from the voting members via amendment
  1. Question:
     1. Is it normal to have so much money in the SAC fund at this point in the year?
        1. SAC funds roll over year to year
        2. It is up to the committee if we want to roll money over or spend it via the school goals.
        3. Goals need to be connected to SIP
           1. Ms. Southworth will resend out the SIP that was discussed at the February meeting
     2. Is the school still a 1:1 Pilot? How can we use funds for technology?
        1. There is no longer a 1:1 program that is funded from the district
        2. The driving force is being able to meet state mandate as far as computerized testing
     3. Does the school still have the goal of becoming MYP and PYP certification?
        1. Yes, though the process has been slowed though we are still working towards the MYP goal.
        2. The PYP has been put on hold for the time being.
     4. Will iReady being next school year?
        1. Yes. Teachers will be receiving training towards the end of this year and the onset of next year.
     5. Is there a healthy number of teacher turnover?
        1. Several factors come into play here. For example, being in a high growth area, the projection of the profession overall, outside personal factors of individual teachers.
     6. How does Florida rank in teacher pay and where does St. Johns rank in the state?
        1. Do not have that data off hand at the moment.
     7. When will the school be posting openings for next year?
        1. VRA follows the district timeline. The district is letting Title 1 schools and Elementary school “M” post their positions first.
     8. How does the district post those jobs?
        1. All jobs are posted via Applitracks on the district website.
  2. Introduction of our new District Liaison
     1. Laura Wynn

1. Adjournment
   1. Motion to adjourn at 4:35
   2. Motion seconded
   3. Meeting adjourned at 4:35