

SAC Meeting Minutes- ELMS

Date – 10/17/23

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 called to order by Stacy Alcauz; 2nd by: Cheryl Middleton

Members Present: Karen Huzar, Amira Ray, Crystal Bruce, Stacy Alcauz , Cheryl Middleton

Members Absent: Lisa Leonadurizzi

Guests: N/A

2. Approval of Minutes: Approved by: Stacy Alcauz 2nd: Crystal Bruce

3. Presentations: (presentation links attached below)

Oren Schlierer: Social studies overview presentation

- 6th grade: U.S. History taught by Mr. Rumaker (works cross curricular with ELA and Engineering. There is a final held in this class.
- 7th grade: Civics taught by Mrs. DeTurk- students take 3 Pinellas County cycle assessments throughout the year. A level 3 is needed to be considered passing for the EOC (end of course) exam.
- 8th grade: Mr. Schlierer- PRE-AP World History. Focus is dealing on the concepts and skills that have maximum value for high school, college, careers, and civic life. There is a district mid-term exam in December and then a final exam in May.

Jaclyn Wheaton- ELA Overview

- 6th- Mrs. Smith- Advanced Language Arts
- 7th: Mrs. Moore- Advanced Language Arts
- 8th: Mrs. Wheaton- Advanced Language Arts and the high school credit English 1 honors class
- Mrs. Clark- Reading and Journalism

2023-2024: Benchmarks for ecellent student thinking standards (B.E.S.T) assessments

FAST Progress Monitoring 1 (August)
FAST Progress Monitoring 2 (December)
FAST State Assessment (May 2023)
Writing Q2 Formative (Nov.)
Writing State Assessment (April)

Karen Lee- Science overview

6th: Mrs. Lee-Comprehensive Science Advanced

Currently working on: Organizing life

Next unit: Earth Science: Weather and Climate

- Cycle 1 and Cycle 3: tests have been eliminated from years past.
- Final exam in may will continue to be cumulative for semesters one and two.

7th: Mrs. Fye- Comprehensive Science 2 Advanced

Currently working on: Space

Next Unit: Diversity of Life

The 7th grade testing:

- Cycle 1 and Cycle 3 tests from past years have been eliminated.
- Dec. Mid-term: will include semester one standards from 7th grade course and will also include two benchmark standards from the 6th grade.
- May final: will include semester two standards and 7th grade and will also include 11 benchmarks from the 6th grade.

8th: Mr. Heppe- Comprehensive Science Advanced OR Physical Science Honors

Comprehensive Science units:

- Currently working on: Chemical Change
- Next up: Energy and Life

Physical Science Honors:

- Heat and temperature fundamentals forces
- Force and Motion

The 8th grade SSA is cumulative for 6-8 grades.

- o Cycle 1: (Oct.) Aligns with quarter 1 standards
- o Cycle 2: (Dec.) Mock SSA on grades 6-8
- o Cycle 3: (Feb./March): Mock SSA on grades 6-8

Other Science opportunities:

- STEM Club- Standards based enrichment activities
- Held on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm October- April
- Mrs. Fye (sponsor)
- Mrs. Lee (assistant)

Science Olympiad- Academic Science Team

-Held on Tuesdays from 2:00- 3:00 pm September- April

-Coached by: Mrs. Lee and Ms. Carter

Regional competition taking place in February

Karin David- Math overview

- 6th grade: Mrs. David-accelerated 6th grade 7th grade accelerated (for the 6th graders)
 - o Upcoming Units of Study:
 - 6th Grade: Ratios and Rates
 - 7th Grade: Linear Relationships and Slopes
- 7th grade: Mrs. Brennans- 7th graded accelerated (for the 7th graders) and Geometry honors (for 8th graders)
 - o Upcoming units of Study:
 - 7th grade: Linear Relationships and slopes
 - Geometry Honors: Triangles and Congruence
- 8th grade: Mrs. Russell- Pre-Algebra and Algebra Honors credit class
 - o Upcoming Units of Study:
 - Pre- Algebra: Linear Relationships and slopes
 - Algebra Honors: Scatter Plots
- *This year we also have students taking Honors Algebra II – that is taught either by an East Lake High School teacher or on FLVS.

Testing:

- IXL diagnostic- is a pinpointed score. 725= 25% of the way completed through their 7th grade year. Student will take a FAST test this year in Math, scores can be found on Focus
- F.A.S.T takes place in the 6th, 7th, and Pre-Algebra courses.
- Algebra Honors and Geometry Honors still take an EOC (end of course) Exam. These tests account for 30% of their final grade in those courses.
 - o These results can be found on Focus under the reports section. Teachers will hold data chats in October.

 [ELA SAC Presentation.pptx](#)

 [Oct. 2023 Science Dept. Update.mp4](#)

 [SAC MATH PRESENTATION AUDIO.mp4](#)

 [Social Studies Department Video Version 2.mp4](#)

4. Principal Update: Next month we will have a special guest: Ellen Truskowski- Director of Student Demographics, Assignment and School Capacity. She will be discussing High school Programs and Choices.

5. New Business:

6. Old Business: N/A

7. Open Discussion: N/A

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM, and the next SAC meeting is scheduled for: November 14th, at 7:40am in Room 2-214