

## SAC Meeting Minutes- ELMS Performing Arts Building

Date – 11/12/19

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM. Present were: Shannon Kennedy, Amira Ray, Dave Reid, Deborah Clark, Brenda Fessler, Elizabeth Citro, Kristy Zumwalt, Yuli Zurga, Kristen Collora, Theresa Harriel, Toni Benton, Karen Huzar

- **Quorum has been met, with all voting members in attendance.**

Absent: Patty Halula

Guests: Mrs. Stavropoulos, Mr. Schlierer

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September minutes as written by Theresa Harriel, second by Lisa Stavropoulos.

### 3. Presentations:

#### 1. Science Department – Mrs. Stavropoulos

New theme is STEAM – Scientific Thinking Engages All Minds.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade uses 9<sup>th</sup> grade physical science, all grades use Discovery Techbook

- All grade levels are enrolled in Accelerated Honors classes. 6<sup>th</sup> grade has 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards and 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards, 7<sup>th</sup> grade contains 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards. This year there are 3 8<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive classes and 3 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Honors classes. Next year 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Honors, a high school credit class. Grading scale this year is an 80% (assessments)/20% (assignments) system

DATA: 8<sup>th</sup> grade cycle 1: County scored at 49%, Area 1 at 48%, Mrs. S at 67.9%; Physical Honors HS Course: District at 63%, Area 1 at 62%, Mrs. S scored at 79.8%.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade data – at beginning of the year they took a GAP assessment. Seeing positive growth in data as compared to the bi-weekly assessments that the grade levels are taking.

#### 2. Social Studies Department – Mr. Schlierer

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Mr. Rumaker – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History covers Colonization of America through the Civil War.

To Enhance Learning-Mr. Rumaker uses a variety of interactive activities and simulations. He works closely with ELA with writing, as well as with the Engineering teacher to complete cross curricular assignments.

Data: 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade U.S. History has a district midterm (Dec.) and final exam (May).

- 2017-2018-Midterm-ELMS had the highest school average for the district and was 13 points above the district average.
- 2017-2018-Final Exam-ELMS was the third highest average and was 12 points above the district average.
- 2018-2019-Final Exam-ELMS was the second highest average and was 9 points above the district average.
- East Lake's scores for 6<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History are #2 in the district.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. DeTurk - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics covers government topics including citizenship, the Constitution, branches of government, laws, voting, etc...

To enhance learning-students analyze historical documents, perform skits, use graphic organizers to organize new content, and complete other various activities in small groups to collaborate with new content.

District Cycle Assessments-

- Students take 3 Pinellas County Cycle Assessments at the end of each term.
- Cycle 1 Assessment(October)-ELMS 80.2% average versus district average of 69.2%.

EOC State Scores:

- 2014-2015 ELMS 98% passing-district 63%.
- 2015-2016 ELMS 98% passing-district 64%.
- 2016-2017 ELMS 99% passing-district 64%.
- 2017-2018 ELMS 100% passing-district 66%, and state average of 71%.

2018-2019 ELMS 99% passing-district 68%, and state average of 71%.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Schlierer – World History covers the agricultural revolution, Mesopotamian civilizations, Ancient Egypt, Israeli, Indian, Chinese, Mesoamerican, Greece, Rome, and Finance Park.

- To Enhance Learning-Mr. Schlierer uses evidence-based writing, hands on activities, and a college level research project (National History Day).
- Mr. Schlierer works closely with Mrs. Dobes (ELA) with reading and writing skills so they both can be consistent in what they teach the students and how they are assessed.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade World History has a district midterm (Dec.) and final exam (May).
- 2017-2018-Midterm-ELMS had the highest school average for the district and was 16 points above the district average.
- 2017-2018-Final Exam-ELMS scored a 82% average, versus the district average of 62%.
- 2018-2019-Final Exam-ELMS scored a 72% average, versus the district average of 61%.
- Sent students to both the state Geography Bee and to state National History Day for the last 2 years!
- Next year adding a Pre-AP class as a pilot school. Entrance into the course will be based on Reading and Writing scores.

#### **4. Principal Update/ New Business**

1. Presentation and Vote on A+ Recognition Funds – committee and staff, through the voting process, has voted that the A+ money should be awarded to all staff members on campus during the 2018-2019 year. Any staff members that left had to notify Mrs. Huzar no later than 10/31/19 of the intention to be included in the disbursement. (All staff who left has done so.)
2. Vote to distribute monies is as follows: Admin, Guidance, Staff, and Instructional - 1 equal share; Any other person working on campus in 2018-2019 (social worker, psychologist, nurse etc.) will receive a percentage of 1 share based upon time on campus.
3. Vote to approve the proposal for funds as presented: Motion to approve by Mrs. Harriel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yuli Zurga

#### **6. Old Business**

##### **6. Open Discussion:**

Further discussion regarding the 80%/20% grading policy as compared to potential HS grading policies to enhance better understanding.

##### **7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 AM, and a reminder that the December SAC Meeting will be at East lake Library in conjunction with Cypress Woods Elementary school on 12/4/19 at 5:00 PM