

**Gilchrist SAC Minutes
November 18, 2014**

In attendance: (24) Kellie Ralston, Tabitha Frazier, Shannon Novey, Kim Thomas, Wendy Somerset, Rick Drake, Marlon Storey, Rachel Webber, Janet Burns, Jana Williams, Kristy Newland, Anna Jones, Bill Armstrong, Betsy McKnight, Dieonne Smith, David Solz, Melissa Sumner, Jasmine Smith, Janna Gray, Kara Gross, Amanda Peterson, Emily Ely, Jessica Lowe Minor, Sarah Shelton,

Guests: (3) Jaimie Sherraden, Lesley Gardner, Anna Ross

Excused Absences: (4) Tiffany Parker, Patrick McGuire, Oronde McKhan, Kari Rowe

1. Call to Order at 6:00pm

2. DAC Report.

Burns states that DAC highlighted the best practices in adult and community education and spoke about homelessness. DAC had a discussion about state mandated policies regarding snacks and fundraising.

3. Minutes approval.

Novey moved that the October 2014 minutes be approved. Frazier seconded. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

(a) A+ money review - Ralston reviewed the process of how A+ money distribution is decided by SAC and SITE, with the first step being to approve a ballot; last year's ballot was distributed for SAC members to review. The three options SAC has at this time are to (1) accept the ballot, (2) decline the ballot, or (3) propose a new ballot. SITE supports the ballot offered last year. This year all faculty and staff were given the opportunity to vote on the ballot – 71% voted in favor of the ballot; 29% voted for a different ballot. Solz answered questions about who is considered non-instructional staff – cafeteria workers, custodial staff, front office staff, EDEP, classroom aids. Frazier moved to accept the ballot that SITE approved, McKnight seconded. Motion passed.

(b) SAC money distribution – the amount is estimated \$5000. Webber states that she met with the math and technology committee who would like funding for “Gizmo” – an interactive lab for math and science. It costs \$2500. In

addition, they are starting to use the flipped classroom and “Educreation,” a program that allows teachers to save videos of their lessons for students to access at home. Bryant, Cooper, Berry, and Webber are currently using the free trial. The cost is \$99 per license. Solz underscores this program is as if the teacher is in the home teaching; Gray added that she is interested in figuring out ways to use it for language arts. Webber also mentioned math club (4th and 5th graders) could use funding for competitions. Ralston mentioned iXL. Multiple teachers chimed in concern that this program would be running out come 2015 and they found it very helpful for state standards. iXL cost is \$3500. Science week / science night also discussed; in the past funding came via Burns writing a grant as well as community sponsors and PTO money. Solz proposed that SAC money could perhaps go towards iXL and Gizmo; he could pay the difference. He stated he will work to fund educreation and math club competition fees; he will work with Burns and Sherraden on Science Night; he will get with EDEP about bookbag hooks. Armstrong made a motion to put SAC money towards iXL and Gizmo, Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

5. PTO Report

Jones reports 93% of pledges have been collected, earning \$39,400. PTO and Solz working together on 2 different playground options for students to vote on. Grizzly Givers has raised \$9700 to date. Poinsettia orders have been placed. The outdoor classroom ceremony went well. A whiteboard and shade sails will be added to the outdoor space shortly. Fall soup, chili, and chowder lunch last week was successful.

6. Principal Remarks

Solz complimented the outdoor classroom ceremony, citing the 1000 children singing together, as well as the many people involved in the project from FSU to teachers, students, and community members. He praised Mrs. McBride for the artistic involvement, Mrs. Stewart for the gardening component, and Mrs. Brown for the musical coordination. He stated that Gilchrist is going to be getting a new wing with 6 additional classrooms as well as an art and music room upgrade. This was approved by DOE last year.

Next meeting is February 10, 2015

Adjourn 6:50pm

