

## SAC Meeting Minutes

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:04

**In attendance:** Jeff Estes, Michelle Aldrich, Stephanie Chervoni, Noemi Gallegos, Yareliz Matos, Courtney Sutton, Geovanna Jara, Zoleidy Pena, Adan Ortiz, Luke Eliser, Pascual Pedro, Neluys Gonzalez, Claudia Plaza, Heather Marme, Long Tran, Andrea Angel-Iregui, Christine Chervoni, Bradley Walters, Amy Mauriello, Candy Stollard

**Welcome** – Principal, Jeff Estes

**Election of Officers** – Michelle Aldrich

- **SAC Chair** – nomination for Heather Marme, second by Amy Mauriello
- **DAC Rep** – nomination for Stephanie Chervino, second by Heather Marme
- **Dac Alt.** – nomination for Amy Mauriello, second by Stephanie Chervino
- **Secretary** – nomination for Michelle Aldrich, second by Courtney Sutton

**Principal's Remarks** – Jeff Estes

- **Construction Update**
  - Mr. Estes presented a drawing of the buildings and explained what is housed in each building.
  - Drone pictures of the construction site have been posted to Facebook and twitter.
  - Locker rooms and athletic offices will be at the stadium vs in the main building
  - Project started three years ago. The construction manager came up with a quote/estimate, but it was not accurate. The first quote was based on a separate model of the school and didn't factor the land price.
  - The management team meets weekly regarding the design to maintain academic integrity and ensure it is cost effective.
  - The district asked for additional money to finish the project and information is being misrepresented in the news.
  - The budget shortfall has not impacted the construction of the building.
  - We can still move in July to the site even if the third building is not constructed.
  - Projected capacity is expected at 1800 students, not 1600 students.
  - Changes in the design have produced a safer environment for the students.
  - The board will vote August 22<sup>nd</sup> on the approval of additional funds.
  - Questions by members
    - When will all four buildings be built? – We plan to open with everything, the third building may be the only one still in progress.
    - Will we add one year at a time or open the school up to all grades? – At the moment the plan is to open one grade level at a time, but it will depend on the district. A lot of high schools are at capacity.
    - Are children from other zones bussed to the south zone? – No. Most of our students are Bonita residents.
- **Staff Update**
  - Bonita Springs High is one of the only schools that opened fully staffed, certified, and staffed in field.
  - We hired 15 excellent teachers and are pleased thus far.
  - A minimum of eight interviews was held for each position and the job posting ran longer if needed.
  - We looked for teachers that were passionate about students.
  - All major sports are staffed with the exception of swimming.
- **Fundraising**
  - We need to fundraise to build up our internal fund. Internal funds are used for students. We have other money, but it is earmarked for other things such as construction, fixtures, supplies, and furniture.

- Clubs, sports, and activities need to fundraise due to our low internal fund account.
- SAC could help with fundraising.
- Bonita Bay started a fund for our students through the foundation, not our internal fund. We can use that money for our students, but for certain items only.

**Student Government Report – SGA: Bradley Walters and Christine Chervoni**

- Students are planning homecoming. It will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bonita Recreation Center.
- Students will vote on the theme: twilight, masquerade, NY theme, or Hollywood.
- Students will vote on the theme and spirit day themes through the 2021 Google classroom (gender bender, breast cancer awareness, nerd day, to name a few)
- Students are planning student government elections (President, Vice President and Secretary)
- Questions:
  - Can you use the voting days as a fundraiser? – We are planning on upcoming fundraisers.

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- Comment on fundraising: Past experiences have shown that not many parents participate or a few parents do most of the activities. It's hard to reach parents. Letters home to parents explaining the lack of funds and need for participation may help with fundraising due to business connections.
- Mr. Estes – how has your experience been so far? (question posed to the parents)
  - (student) – the food is good and teachers are amazing.
  - Parents added that their child says teachers are amazing and enjoy being at the school. They are enjoying their experience.

**SAC Dates**

- Sept. 18
- Oct 23
- Nov 13
- Feb 12
- Mar 12
- Apr 16

**Adjournment at 6:45**