

Suntree Elementary School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes from *August 11, 2016 Meeting; 3:00PM*

Present: **SAC Members** – Heather Martin, Patty Roissier, Bonnie Armstrong, Mecheall Giombetti, Kay Landry, Paige Trosset

Guests – Nicole Miles, Debra Smith, Sherilynn Diskin

I. Introductions

- a) Nominees for new council members – Teacher Heather Martin for Chairperson; Teacher Debra Smith; Parent Nicole Miles. Per by-laws, nominees need to be voted on by their peers. Patty Roissier will place ballots in teachers’ mailboxes for them to vote on Debra Smith and Heather Martin. As for Nicole Miles, a ballot will be made available to parents at Open House on 8/23.
- b) Patty will email grade level reps to remind them to discuss a schedule with their team to send a representative to SAC meetings each month.

II. PTO Update

Presented by Sherilynn Diskin:

- a) Soliciting businesses to become sponsors. Would like to be able to purchase t-shirts for all students that will have sponsor logos on the back. This will help develop spirit and community.
- b) T-Shirt design will include our 2016-2017 theme “Think Beyond”. Shirt will have a tree w/inspirational words forming the branches and leaves.
- c) PTO family involvement plans for the year include a bingo night, movie night, and read-a-thon.
- d) PTO would like to hold meetings right after school to encourage teacher participation.
- e) Another initiative the PTO is contemplating is a supply cabinet for teachers, possibly as an incentive for teachers who volunteer for the PTO during the year.

III. School Improvement Plan Goal Review

- a) Writing in Response to Text Across the Curriculum
- b) Prioritize the standards during collaborative planning process. We tied our goal to the district’s strategy of collaborative planning.
- c) This year’s goal – continue to build off last year’s plan. Next step: How has it worked? Focus on concept of “Mindset”.
 - a. We’re all getting “here” (end goal) but maybe not all at the same time. It’s good for children to see growth and know that it’s OK to be at different points on the path.
- d) Need to identify barriers to our goal.
 - a. Need to continue training.
 - b. Time is always an issue. Time for collaboration/common planning.
- e) Patty Roissier suggested a Family Night to educate parents on “Mindset”.

IV. Principal Update

- a) Conference Night discussion. District date is Monday, 10/24. Would like to try to find a different night, preferably a Thursday. After checking with the district calendar it was decided that a new date would not work. Proposal to change date was withdrawn.

- b) Technology Grant – will reapply this year.
- c) Safety plan for front gate – still on the table

V. Meeting Dates

Patty motioned to hold meetings the 1st Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. Bonnie Armstrong 2nd the motion. All in favor.

9/1/16

10/6/16

11/3/16

12/1/16

1/12/17

February?

3/2/17

4/6/17

5/11/17

Motion to adjourn at 4:15 by Patty Roissier; seconded by Bonnie Armstrong. All in favor.