

**Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School
City of Cape Coral, Florida
School Advisory Council**

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Media Center

Members present: Brandi Bertoni, Lisa Bologna, Kevin Brown, Jacqueline Collins, Dawn Combs, John Koepke, Amy-Jane McWilliam, Madeleine Pinero, Tanya Sykes, Amy Teblum, Sarona Weyant, Rob Zivkovic.

Members absent: Kathryn Gomez

Guests present:

I. Welcome

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. All members present.

II. Approve Minutes from May 19, 2015 meeting

1. The SAC Secretary was absent from the May meeting and minutes were not recorded.

III. Old Business

1. Recap of May meeting

1. Amy Teblum provided a recap of the May meeting. Members discussed linking the Oasis name to Christa McAuliffe in some way. Agreed to send a survey to parents. Develop a school mascot and school beautification projects were also mentioned in the brainstorming session.

2. Follow-Up on Charter School Funding From Lee County School District

1. Rob Zivkovic spoke to an attorney about the letter draft and the attorney said the letter looks good and that the purpose is to make parents aware of the current situation. He mentioned that the Oregon Supreme Court recently shot down public funding for charter schools.
2. Cape Coral voted to give us a look and renegotiate our lease. Local politicians need to become more aware of this issue. We need to speak with politicians that have not been interested in this issue.
3. Kevin Brown added that there are more charter schools and PICO funds have been cut and split amongst all of the charter schools.
4. Amy Teblum asked how many charter systems are not-for-profit and Kevin Brown said that less than five schools are municipal.

3. Charter School Rally

1. Rob Zivkovic informed the SAC that the Charter School Foundation is now in charge of the rally. Each school will receive \$10,000 and the foundation will keep the rest. He is concerned about the manpower required for this size of an event and the foundation's ability to fill all of the volunteer positions.
2. Sarona Weyant expressed concern that CME volunteers have been boxed out from opportunities to work on rally planning.
3. Jacque Collins is very concerned about the reduction in money that the schools will receive because that money is used to replace aging equipment. She is going to work on getting proceeds from CME ticket sales returned to CME. She is going to meet with principals and discuss. Kevin Brown said they the administration will meet as a whole and discuss the issue.

4. Confirm SAC meeting dates

1. 2015/2016 SAC meeting dates are as follows: October 27, 2015; December 15, 2015 (tentative); January 26, 2016 (tentative); February 23, 2016; April 26, 2016; and May 24, 2016.
2. December and January dates pending receipt of scores and ability to develop a School Improvement Plan (SIP).

5. SAC Position Appointments

1. Rob Zivkovic is stepping down as Council Chair. John Koepke was nominated for the position by Rob Zivkovic and Jacque Collins seconded. Approved by SAC members.
2. Lisa Bologna motioned to reappoint John Koepke as community partner. Tanya Sykes seconds. Approved by SAC members.
3. Amy McWilliam motioned to keep Rob Zivkovic as community partner, John Koepke seconds. Approved by SAC members

IV. New Business

1. Car Line Issues

1. Amy McWilliam is concerned about the morning car line and turning onto SW 29th Ave. from Ceitus. John Koepke believes it's getting better as parents are getting used to it.

V. Brainstorming

1. Free Lunch

1. Why doesn't CME have free lunch for everyone, regardless of income, like the county schools? Kevin Brown said that CME cannot participate in that type of program because we do not have enough students eligible for free lunch. Those students who qualify for free lunch will continue to receive free meals.

2. CME Name Change

1. Jacque Collins would like to send a survey to parents that asks for input regarding a name change. Kevin Brown mentioned that Oasis is a brand and CME is not seen as part of that brand.
2. Rob Zivkovic agreed that there is a benefit of being together but Sarona asked why we can't brand our school. Amy McWilliam agreed and thought we could have a niche like STEM.
3. There is a push for the schools to be similar.
4. Jacque will send out survey to parents. Kevin Brown said that we should figure out whether or not we will change the school name before we discuss a mascot. Sarona Weyent believes students and staff should be polled about mascot first.

VI. Adjourn

1. Amy Teblum motioned to adjourn and Kevin Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:17.