

SAC Meeting Minutes 3/25/24

In Person

Secretary: Kelly Yelvington

Welcome and call to order: Keli Keyes, SAC Chair @ 3:31pm

<i>Present</i>		<i>Present</i>	
x	Brian Morgan, Principal		Ania Norori
x	Keli Keyes, SAC Chair, Instructional	x	Raphael Camilo, parent
x	Kelly Yelvington, Secretary, Instructional Staff	x	Steven Lopez, parent
	Jennifer Wolfe, teacher (K-2)	x	Tracy Kluge, teacher (3-5)
x	Kerry Johnstone, Support staff representative	x	Jennifer Omerovic, parent
	Michelle Ehler, PTA Liaison	x	Tina Manassaram (K-2)
x	Amy Bishop, School Counselor	x	Lithesha Holloman, parent
	Patty Brown, Support staff representative	x	Mark Holloman, parent
	Arianna Espinosa-Merkley, parent	x	Celia Kellerman
	Jeremy Rogers, parent		Lauren Miranda, teacher (K-2)
		x	Stephanie Eyermann
		x	Lisa Bazler

Non-voting members in attendance:

Shannon Higgins, Assistant Principal
 Mr. Coleman, District representative
 Logan Lowery, District w/referendum presentation
 Mike Degutis, Chief of Staff
 Laura Wynn, parent
 Steva Vasara, parent

Introductions:

Last month's minutes reviewed.
 Motion to approve minutes – Steven Lopez 2nd – Celia Kellerman

Principal's Report

Working on finishing state testing, thank you to Ms. Higgins – testing coordinator
 Field Days – going well, thank you to volunteers

Next school year – using surveys and feedback to plan for next school year

Emphasize how important it is to share your feedback with administration, thank you for sharing your time and feedback

Social media communication – we have PTA Facebook page, but considering one for school and is appropriate and who will manage it, continue to use What's New page in the mean time

PTA Update: (Keli Keves)

McTeacher Night – big success

Mother – Son Night – great turnout

Upcoming Daddy-Daughter dance on April 6th

SAC News

Survey closed out March 8th, will discuss results at next meeting

School funds are released and to be distributed soon

SAC Request

Mrs. Orcullo – 2nd grade to have a 4-day TDE time to assist with swimming skills at YMCA, about \$600 or less, bus transportation needed

Ms. Holloman asked going forward would this be an annual thing, Mr. Morgan mentioned possibly doing other grade levels next year

Motion to approve: Steven Lopez, 2nd Lithesha Holloman

Presentation of Proposals (Mike Degutis and Logan Lowery – director of Global Communications & transportation)

2 proposals coming up on November ballot (half-tax and one-mill)

Half-cent tax (6.5%) to continue

2005-2014 (11 schools built, about a school a year)

2015-2024 Projected to grow by almost 16%, 20 more new schools projected

Current enrollment – just under 51,000 students

Half tax needed to keep up with growth and technology

All money would stay in St. Johns County

Millage has decreased since 2015

Hoping the half-cent tax will make a better salary schedule, especially for veteran teachers

Discussed teacher salaries compared to neighboring counties

Discussed classroom vacancies – 46/ESE - 22

Believes that the one-mill property tax will retain high-quality staff over a long-term

One-Mill Increase will look like \$360/year for home owners

Questions: Steven Lopez – one-mill (new tax) goes to?

Answer: One-mill to be spent on salaries, programs...85 -88% to employe enhancements, rest to enhance our school security (deputies, etc), arts, and sports

Question: Steven Lopez – extra money from state for growth curve?

Answer: No, b/c we get no money from Florida legislature

Suggestion – add cost of living to contiguous school districts facts

Question (Steva Vasara): Could we go to a whole cent to cover costs?

Answer: School districts can't go over ½ cent.

Question (Eyermann): Do you think this will be a fight to add this tax and one-mill?

Answer: If just ½ cent, it wouldn't be as much of a fight, challenge for the one-mill, an uphill battle

Question (Kluge): Will ballot state that the half-cent tax will be continuous?

Answer: It will say it will continue to levy the half-cent tax..

Question (Steva Vasara): What's the push for K-8 schools?

Answer: Typically built in dense neighborhoods, cuts down on transportation costs and transition issues

Good of Group:

Mr. Degutis & Mr. Lowery - Willing to come out if anyone would like to hear the presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Motion to adjourn – Steven Lopez 2nd – Celia Kellerman