ROBERT E WILLIS ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

May 27, 2014

Present: Kristan Schwab, Bill Stenger, Denise Herrera, Tricia Eckstrom, Shannon McCoy, Chris Robertson, Jillanne Conelias, Stephanie Hefner, Lisa Albano, Rosa Crespo, Deb Hossenlopp, Carrie Montague, Hedy DiCarlo and Caitlin Saviano

Call to order: Kristan Schwab called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Principal’s Update:

* Some FCAT scores have been provided to the school – 3rd grade reading and math and 4th grade writing.
  + 3rd Grade Reading – 88% scored a level 3 or better - #1 in district
  + 3rd Grade Math – 93% scored a level 3 or better - #1 in district
  + 4th Grade Writing – 61% scored level 3.5 or better - #11 in district
* Mr. Stenger stated that he was not happy with results of 4th grade writing. Mrs. Montague asked if it is the entire 4th grade class that is struggling on the FCAT. Mr. Stenger is waiting for reading and math scores for the 4th grade. Once he receives the scores, he will see if this grade has shown improvement over their scores from last year. Once he has reviewed the scores, he will determine the best way to address the areas of concern and develop a plan to help the students.
* Mrs. Conelias asked what score a child must receive on FCAT in order to move to the next grade. At 3rd grade, a score of level 2 or better on FCAT Reading is required by Florida statue to be promoted to 4th grade. There is no minimum FCAT score required for promotion in 4th or 5th grade. The impact of the new AIR test and scoring was also discussed.
* Mrs. Hossenlopp asked about SAT testing for K – 2 grades. Mr. Stenger explained that SAT would provide information on what students know based on national standards (norm reference test).
* The 2013-2014 school year begins the year of pay for performance for teachers. It is a statutory requirement for teachers to have a VAM (Value Added Model) score starting in 2014.
  + Mrs. DiCarlo asked how else teachers were evaluated. Mr. Stenger stated that every school year 4 formal walk through plus a 45-minute observation is conducted in every class for all teachers.

Safety:

* Mrs. Eckstrom asked about the dismissal procedures for students who walk towards Lorraine Rd and Masters. She is concerned that the children are being asked to move off the school property and cross the street to wait for students who are walking home in the same group. She asked why they are not allowed to wait for the group by the bikes racks so all students can cross street together. Mr. Stenger said he would look into the concern but agrees that these students should be able to meet on the school property.

SAC Updates:

* Nominations - 4 new members need to be appointed to SAC for 2-year term. Candidates present at meeting provided a brief introduction prior to vote. Vote was taken and new members elected:
  + Lisa Albano
  + Tricia Eckstrom
  + Deborah Hossenlopp
  + Caitlin Saviano
* Request to review SAC by-laws to address voting procedures for new SAC committee members and term limits for committee members.

PTO Update:

* Mrs. Conelias (PTO President) provided an update on how the PTO funds were spent in 2013 – 2014 school year.
  + Walk-A-Thon - money is being used to mount projectors with wireless sound system in classrooms on 2nd floor.
  + Gecko Gala - money used for interactive white boards in class rooms
  + Additional expenses – financial support for class room supplies, support maintenance of new landscaping, wireless speaker system for school, new coolers for field trips

Closing: Mr. Stenger and Mrs. Schwab thanked parents and the committee members for serving on SAC. Election of new officers will take place at 1st meeting on August 25, 2014.

Next SAC Meeting: August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jillanne Conelias, seconded by Chris Robertson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Eckstrom, Vice Chair