ROBERT E. WILLIS ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

March 25, 2013

PRESENT: Kristan Schwab, Bill Stenger, Jillanne Conelias, Stephanie Hefner,

Connie Dixon, Lisa Marie Albano, George Castro, Christine Bradford, Tricia Eckstom, Terri Rampinelli, Denise Herrera, Jill Fallon,

Hedy DiCarlo, Michael McNelis, Ann Gowgiel

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kristan Schwab.

Old Business—The January 22, 2013 SAC minutes were distributed for review. Motion by Tricia Eckstrom, seconded by Jillanne Conelias to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

A+ Spending Money—Mr. Stenger reported that the A+ Spending Money has been finalized and distributed to staff.

FCAT Testing—Mr. Stenger reported that all 5th grade FCAT testing will be held in the media center. The math portion will be done on the computers. The benchmark assessment tests are currently being completed on the computers for practice.

Media Center—Mr. Stenger updated the Committee on the use of the media center. Inventory will take place the last two weeks in May.

Common Core Curriculum—Willis is in the process of implementing the core curriculum for K-1 now. Next year 2nd grade will be implemented and the following school year, grades 3, 4 and 5. Kristan Schwab reported that due to the successful spring book fair, five complete sets of the common core curriculum will be purchased for each grade level.

Safety—Mr. Stenger reported that Willis Elementary is on schedule with their drills and they continue to work with the school safety committee. The group discussed options and safety concerns regarding school dismissal.

New Superintendent—Mr. Stenger met with the new superintendent who discussed his expectations for the upcoming school year. He also spoke about how serious the budget deficit is. The district has reviewed the internal accounts of all of the schools in Manatee County.

Columbia University—Three teachers from Willis have been selected from thousands of applicants to attend the summer reading program at Columbia University. The cost is approximately $5,000 to $6,000 per teacher.

Gifted Endorsement Training—19 staff members are taking the training on their own time. Classes are being held at Willis Elementary.

New Business—The school is once again enforcing the no parking in the fire lane during the entire school day.

SAC—Kristan Schwab distributed copies of the SAC By-Laws and Operating Guidelines. Article VI (Selection of Members, School Board Approval, Vacancies, Membership Term and Attendance) was discussed in detail. Mrs. Schwab reported that term of office is up for members Dr. Castro, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Conelias, Mrs. Hefner and herself. Information regarding the SAC vacancies will be made at the upcoming kindergarten round-up.

Gecko Gala—Ann Gowgiel reported that the Gecko Gala was a great success raising approximately $15,000.

Next Meeting—Kristan Schwab announced that the next SAC meeting is April 29, 2013.

Adjournment—Motion by George Castro, seconded by Hedy DeCarlo to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Rampinelli, Secretary