**Robert E. Willis Elementary SAC Meeting**

**10/27/2014**

**Members Present:** Caitlin Saviano, Kristan Schwab, Mr. Stenger, Mrs. Danowski, Mr. Green, Kathy Ronan, Jillanne Conelias, Stephanie Hefner, and Chris Robertson

**Attendees:** Cedric Viquerat, Ashley Henderson, and Yazzie Bruss

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Kristan Schwab

**First Order of Business:** Mrs. Schwab introduced the 2 teachers who are now serving on the SAC: Mr. Green and Ms. Kathy Ronan. Mr. Green is replacing Denise Herrara. He is Willis’ Math Lab teacher. Ms. Ronan is replacing Christine Bradford. She is new to Willis although she has worked for years in the Manatee County School System. She has a strong ESE background.

**Old Business:**

* **Business Community Representative** – Mrs. Schwab reported that Terri Rampinelli accepted the SAC position for Business Community Representative. Mrs. Rampinelli has been part of Willis since the day the doors opened. She has worked tirelessly as a volunteer in multiple capacities and she has served on the SAC for years. Mrs. Rampinelli does not have any children attending Willis. The position requires a two year school year term (2014/2015 and 2015/2016). Mrs. Rampinelli is filling the vacant position previously held by Jill Fallon.
* **Dress Code Violations**

*Colored Hair* **–** After review of the Willis dress code policy and the Manatee County rules, Mr. Stenger has decided that unless we choose to specifically address the female student’s blue hair, the Manatee County rules will be followed which at this time are not in violation. The rules state that if personal attire or grooming distracts the attention of other students or teachers from their school work then the student will be required to make the necessary alterations.

*Length of Shorts* – It has been noted that some girls are wearing shorts which do not meet the fingertip length requirements. This is primarily an issue for 4th and 5th graders and it is typically addressed by the student’s teacher. Mr. Stenger said that if it is an ongoing issue then it will be addressed.

*Socks* – Both boys and girls have been wearing mismatched colored socks above crew length height. The school dress code cites that socks in any color must be crew length or less. If higher than crew length, socks must be solid white, khaki or navy. Mr. Stenger will put this topic on the staff agenda.

*Hair Bows* – Some girls have been wearing large and colorful bows in their hair.

**Principal’s Update**

* **Staffing** –

Mr. Auritt was hired to fill the 1st grade teacher vacancy and began during the week of October 20th.

Mr. Stenger intends to create postings for an additional aide and a long term sub. They will both be placed with Mrs. Eschmann in the VE self-contained classroom

* **Safety** –

The District has given 30-day notice of its contract with the company providing elementary schools with Community Service Officers. The topic is not on any future Disrict meeting agendas.

Mr. Tenney has continued to assist with traffic in the morning and make regular rounds of the school. Friday, 10/31 is expected to be his final day.

Willis will conduct a lockdown drill and tornado drill in the near future.

**New Business:**

* The District requires members of every school’s SAC to be provided with a copy of the ’14-’15 School Improvement Plan. Copies were distributed to all members at the meeting.
* It is required that all SAC Meeting minutes be sent electronically to the District.
* The SAC By-Laws were reviewed and minor changes were made. Most of the By-Laws are outlined in the Florida statute.
  + A vote was unanimously passed which approved modifications to the rules around the selection and of approval of the SAC Business and Community Members.
* The Walk-A-Thon which took place on 10/24 was successful and brought in over $50,000.

Next SAC meeting is scheduled for November 17th at 6pm.

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jillanne Conelias, seconded by Kristan Schwab. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Caitlin Saviano, Secretary**