

McMullen Booth Elementary
SAC Minutes – September 14, 2010

Attendance:

Jenny Vonhof, Jan Savoy, Raquel Lewis, Dave Lopez, Teofila Cerablanco, Maria Hornung, Sherri Detraz, Tara Thompson, Erin Frazier, Jacque Poole, Sherry Aemisegger

Absent: Dawn Brown, Kelli Drayton, Lisa Jackson, Nayo Sadiki

Call to Order:

A meeting of the McMullen Booth Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on September 14, 2010. Chairperson Erin Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tara Thompson will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Secretary Absent; therefore, no minutes were reviewed. Minutes for May 2010 and September 2010 will be available at the October meeting, in keeping with Sunshine Law

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. After call to order, Erin Frazier, thanked the new SAC members and Co-Chair, Tara Thompson, led the group in an Ice Breaker Activity
2. SAC "Way of Work" and "School Improvement Information" was presented via PowerPoint Presentation
 - Items Reviewed: SAC Basics with a review of SAC Operations Manual; SAC Duties & Responsibilities
3. School Improvement Plan was discussed and reviewed. Sherry Aemisegger reported and analyzed FCAT and AYP data from the 2009-2010 school year. Principal Aemisegger outlined FCAT scores and trends, the District's Vision for the 2010-2011 school year, and our new SIP Requirements. A request was made for our members to offer ideas for ways to improve: Absences/Tardies, Behavior, and Parental Involvement
4. SAC Chair, Erin Frazier, proposed an amendment to our MBES SAC Bylaws to change meeting day and time to "the second Tuesday of every month at a 7:00 p.m. meeting time." Vote will occur at the October 2010 SAC Meeting

Reports:

1. Chair reported that there will be a PTA/SAC Workshop on September 18th at 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Any and all interested members are invited to join her, along with Mrs. Aemisegger, Mrs. Poole, and Ms. Lewis at Pinellas Park High School.
2. Principal: See above
3. Assistant Principal/Treasurer reported our 2010-2011 budget as \$4,105.77. She stated that there will be no state, or district, allotment this school year for our schools. We are also ineligible for "A+ Monies".
4. PTA Liaison, Jenny Vonhof, reported that our Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 12 pm – 4 pm. Teachers are offered the opportunity to work a festival booth to raised money for their classes. Our first fundraiser – Entertainment Books – is currently underway.
5. Faculty: none

Open Agenda

1. Teofila Cerablanco stated that working parents may be able to participate in school celebrations with their child(ren) if they were held at the end of the day, close to dismissal time, because transportation can be an issue for many. She also added that a Homework Help workshop would benefit the parents/students of the Hispanic communities.
2. Dave Lopez, our R'Club Director, stated that R'Club hires an after school tutor from our MBES Staff to provide academic help for our aftercare students. He will need a teacher 2x-3x weekly. Mr. Lopez also discussed a variety of groups that R'Club is doing to support academics. He mentioned that he is willing to have a weekly featured activity, and would be able to support the classroom teachers if he knew the units we are currently teaching in Science. i.e. Life Science
3. A comment was made in reference to parental participation – parents would respond well to an invitation to join classrooms for special events
4. Some possibilities to transportation issues – initiate a "Walking School Bus" where, like a carpool, one parent is in charge of walking a group of kids to/from school. Parents would take turns with this responsibility.
5. Would like to see ESOL workshops increase in quantity. Currently, our school has 4 workshops per year.
6. Mrs. Poole is in the process of getting our Bringing Up Grades (BUG) program started. She is looking for parent/community volunteers to help with this process.
7. Verbally asking for parent schedules may help with understanding our students' work/academic behaviors better. Ms. Lewis mentioned that her work schedule changed during our last school year and her daughter needed extra assistance at school. Knowing our students, and their current family situations, will benefit the teachers and students.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7th in the Media Center

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Erin Frazier asked for a consensus to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tara Thompson

Erin Frazier