

November 13, 2007

Windermere Elementary SAC Meeting Minutes

Leslie Hartog opened the meeting at 3:50 PM.

Minutes from last meeting

Harriet Vahle made motion to accept minutes from last meeting. Lisa Morrison seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Update – Gary Bruhn

Park Avenue Speed Limit – 30 MPH Speed limit on Park Ave is now extended to new town limits.

Main Street Speed Limit – Speed limit change from 35 to 30 MPH between Park and Maguire is being made. The town is waiting for Orange County approval to move ahead.

Crosswalks – Crosswalks have been added at 1st and 2nd. Most of planned crosswalk changes have been made.

Town Hall Meeting – Next meeting tonight at 7:00 PM.

Sidewalks – Dawn Briggs raised concerns that the sidewalk across from the school on Park Ave is dangerously close to the road without a grassy area between it and the road. She proposed adding a sidewalk on the school side of Park Ave. Concern for children crossing bus entrance and exit and redefining school crosswalks would cause that to be a problem. Dr. Chisena will have Orange County look at the current sidewalk to determine if this problem should be addressed.

Roundabout – Meetings have begun concerning acquiring additional land needed near Camp Down for Park & Main intersection.

Principal's update – Dr. Connie Chisena

School Rededication -- January 24 will be the school rededication. All will be invited to the ceremony that will probably start at 9:30 and will include a tour of the school. Mrs. Chandler and Lisa Morrison are heading it up if anyone would like to volunteer. Back lot will be opened for parking and may need additional space at Camp Down. Dawn Briggs will call OUC about Camp Down.

Teacher and Support Person of the Year -- Teacher of the year is Sue Baquero and support person of the year is JB Battle. JB retires in January after working at the school for 20 years.

Teach In – Teach In is scheduled for tomorrow, November 14.

Recognition Fund – Staff voted on recognition fund after the last SAC meeting and agreed with the SAC vote for Option C (below). Paperwork has been completed and passed on to Orange County to distribute bonuses to teachers.

Option C raised by Harriet Vahle (based on recommendation to save money for future technology upgrades):

- \$10,000 tutoring (same as A)
- \$10,000 staff development (same as A)
- \$5,000 Technology Fund
- Remainder to staff bonuses or classroom materials

PTA Update – Harriet Vahle

School Carnival – Dawn Briggs is chairperson of the annual school carnival which will be March 1 located in back of the school. It will be an old fashioned school carnival with the gift basket silent auction for the School Nurse Program.

School Fund Raiser -- Fund raiser went very well, please remind people to send in pledges. We have collected over \$20,000 and have only about \$9,000 left to collect.

School Nurse Program – The budget for the School Nurse Program is planning on \$1,500 to be made from flu shots. She has currently made a little over \$1000 and feels she will get to the \$1,500.

Holiday Shop -- Holiday shop starts December 3 with a new concept this year. Children will buy consumable gifts to bring home to family members with a portion of the cost going to one of 5 charities. The charities are: Canine Companions, Red Cross, St. Jude's, Edgewood's Children's Ranch and O.U.R. Mission

Guardian Angels -- Guardian angel food drive has begun and the holiday snowflakes will be posted soon. One snowflake option is a \$25 Publix gift card.

Construction Update – Harriet Vahle

Construction Progress – The flag pole has been delivered, window awnings have been installed, gate in the back parking lot has been installed and new picnic tables are in place.

Playground Shade Cover – Shade covering materials for playgrounds must be approved by Orange County. The fabric cover must be hurricane safe. The school is working with the company to find alternatives to original materials that do not meet county requirements. More information should be available November 14.

Project Completion – All work should be completed by January 23.

SAC Survey – Melissa Chilton

Student Surveys -- Kindergarten through 2nd and 3rd through 5th surveys can be left the same with the removal of the term “multiage” on all. Pre-k should not be included in survey.

Parent Survey – A communication question has been added to help clarify answers. Many feel questions 2 and 3 are essentially the same question. Teachers and Dr. Chisena would like to keep time frame in the questions so that parents understand what a timely manner means. Wording should be changed to “almost always responds within 24 hours”. Question 2 will be removed from the survey. Correct wording to “newsletters” from “letters”. Questions 14 – 16 were added to learn about WES website. Email newsletters and Connect-ED phone messages will be added to Question 13.

Approach – Survey will be online and paper surveys will be available at the office or through the child's teacher. Electronic surveys will make collection and analysis better. We will look into having student surveys online as well. Dr Chisena will do a Connect-ED phone message.

Vote -- Motion to vote on questions with corrections listed above made by Paula Thompson. Lisa Anderson seconded. All were in favor. Survey results are usually out no later than February and will be presented first at a SAC meeting.

New Business - Leslie Hartog

OCPS Email Updates -- Leslie will forward OCPS emails with updates to the roster listing.

Benchmark and Standards Vote – On November 15th a meeting will be held at Jones High School to vote on bench marks and standards. <http://fcit.usf.edu/sciencereview/>

FCAT -- New FCAT test to look at and see draft test at <http://fcit.fldoc.org/fcatrelease.asp>

High School Drop Out Factor – New data on drop out factors in Florida indicate very high drop out rates at Dr. Phillips High School. Information is incorrect because children transferring to new schools were included in drop out numbers.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM