

School:	Venice Middle School
Date of Meeting: Opened the meeting: Secondary motion:	November 6, 2018 John Nell Joe Conner
Participants:	Erin Rice, Em Hagan, Tomas Dinverno, Joseph Conner, Scott Mersinger, Sharon Lewis, Terri Griffith, John Nell. Eric Idoyaga
Minutes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Welcome</u>-Mr. Dinverno started the meeting at 3:30 P.M. by welcoming everyone. Review of Minutes – Approved. Motion Dinverno – Seconded Ms. Lewis.</li>   <li>2. Review of Prior Business. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Florida School Recognition Funds (A+ Dollars). SDMT just approved the three options on the ballot: Option 1, Option 5, and Option 2. Will be voted upon December 6 – 12. Any unused funds will roll over to SAC funds. SAC gets 1 vote as part of the voting process (by majority vote). The school will receive A+ dollars next year if A grade is maintained. Ms. Griffith agrees with option 2 as teachers get more, but option 5 is a little too unbalanced, giving teachers too much of a share and not recognizing other staff as much. <p>SAC held a vote on the options, and by majority vote selected Option 1. SAC's vote will be counted as one single vote in the overall final vote.</p> </li> </ol> </li>   <li>3. New Business – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fund Request – Kim Olsen, Social Studies, requesting \$450 for deposit toward attendance for a performance of the Crucible at the Asolo Theater. Ms. Olsen initially applied for a grant through the Education Foundation but was denied. The department will be asking for \$10 from each student</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

to pay for the cost of admission. There are 175 students planning to attend. (Total Cost \$1750). Some students will be asking for financial assistance. Since transportation costs are covered by the Embracing our Differences program, the amount requested is for the deposit required to hold the tickets. If enough students can pay the cost of admittance, unused funds will be reimbursed back to SAC. Ms. Olsen may make an additional funds request if needed at a later meeting. Mr. Conner made motion to approve, Mr. Idoyaga seconded. Motion approved.

- 4. Mr. Mersinger asked if we can have Organizations become business partners who are donating to SAC. Mr. Dinverno states that yes, we can include business that are working with SAC in our Business Partner benefits. This is something to consider at another meeting.
  
- 5. AED Update: Mr. Idoyaga states that the AED we were getting from Venice Bayfront health isn't an approved brand, so wasn't approved by the district. Mr. Idoyaga asked the district to reconsider the possibility of accepting the device. Since the donation was such a large amount, it would be unfortunate to turn this donation down. Awaiting approval from the district to see if we can come to an agreement on this donation.
  
- 6. International Baccalaureate Information – Information was presented to SDMT. Mr. Dinverno has asked staff to review information about the International Baccalaureate Program. Does our campus want to move forward with the information request which will start the process? This will start the process which includes IB coming to campus to present

their program. Other schools that have the program: Brookside currently has IB: Starting in core classes Math and Language Arts, can include PE as well. Mr. Dinverno has written another school in Hillsborough County which currently does IB to request a visit. More information is available on the IB website:

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/>

Will discuss again at next meeting being held February 5. John states that he teaches Advanced 7<sup>th</sup> Math. His experience with his students are that most advanced students get straight A's in elementary school, and then get into Advanced Math where their grades go down quite a bit due to the rigor of the curriculum. He is concerned that the level of rigor in IB would be overwhelming for our students who are already struggling with the acceleration we have in place. Em states that the emotional toll of these classes can be difficult when faced with difficult classes. Would this be a problem? Are our students emotionally ready for these programs? Mr. Mersinger states that these children will face this pressure in high school, so will this pressure in Middle School help prepare them for high school? Will come back in February to discuss once members have reviewed

7. 5-Star School Application – Ms. Rice – Venice Middle is applying to be a 5-Star School, a community involvement program. Part of the application requires creating a portfolio about our community programs. Programs include student community service programs, educational outreach programs, and staff volunteer activities. Would involve members in SAC as part of the program is community and business partnerships. Part of the community involvement program requires family involvement. Also we would need to have an off-site event, bringing in the

community (such as a CPR training). WE need a certain number of community service hours (2 X the number of students enrolled). Parents and volunteers can sign up with community counts website. 8 meetings a year are required. Needs 1600 hours yearly. The application including the portfolio is due in May. Can present as a binder or PowerPoint. We need to document things that we are already doing. Can include member activities like Chamber events and volunteers. Mr. Mersinger mentioned Venice Baptist Church which has space for outdoor events on Jacaranda near I-75.

8. Safety and Security Updates: Safety and Security meetings have transitioned to having safety meetings during SAC.
  - a. School has put magnetic door coverings to be used during a code red situation.
  - b. Staff can also request an all call from any staff phone to announce a crisis event. Came from Parkland Report about things schools can do to improve safety. Another suggestion is to practice drills, which we already do.
  - c. Prox-Card doors are now working for Staff, for instance in the Cafeteria and the Staff Lounge.
  - d. Mr. Mersinger asked about the efficacy of having “weapons” such as rocks or hockey pucks to be given to students to use in a code red situation – our district is not planning to pursue this.
  - e. Request for other suggestions to be brought to future SAC meetings.

9. Treasury: Total \$4,432.70

10. Future Business:

- a. Construction Updates;

	b. Updates for Previous Events for which SAC approved funds. 11. Motion to adjourn, Scott Mersinger; Seconded by Em Hagan.
Recording Secretary:	Joseph Conner
Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:	February 5th, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. in the Media Center.
Closed the meeting: Secondary motion:	John Nell Joseph Conner