

Sarasota Military Academy

School Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Terry Lipman, chair 7:45 a.m.

**Headmaster Report:** Happy Holidays to the SAC members. The financial audit and the state ESE audit have been completed. The November minutes: were accepted with a first motion Lynda Fischer and seconded by Deborah Herbert.

and we are in good shape. We will have a Sarasota county ESE audit in March.

We are keeping the enrollment to 710 students. The projection for next year student body will be the same.

We are talking about expanding the foreign language department by bringing on board another part time Spanish, French and maybe Greek. The idea for the future maybe becoming a language center, this could attract students that are college bound. This will also increase our FTE.

January 13 and 14 2010 are test final days and on January 15, 2010 the semester ends. We believe the students are having a good year.

**New Business:** Denise Spetsios who is a member of SAC and on the board for PTCC have introduced a great tool for better communication to the parents. The Eagle Preview will start up next semester. The Eagle Preview will be like a hot line of phone messages about what is going on at SMA, example would be concerts, drill meets etc.

Curriculum for next year may include more AP classes and an after school 2-4 p.m. FVS on line sub program in the computer Lab. and along with more language classes we would like to offer more business classes this would be great if students were looking into a future of international business careers. The SAC council will be investigation the IB program for the future.

**Old Business:** We are still thinking about finding property in the area south county for another high school and revisiting the JCC center idea. We are thinking of checking into the old concrete company land for an athletic field. We are investigating the idea of an after regular school hours college something like the North Georgia College. We are also thinking about a junior high school in the north part of the county. Josh Payne expressed his thoughts that the students like the size of the campus and enjoys the small school atmosphere and the family feel. Let's work on getting better equipment, keep the rules enforced both on campus and in the parking lot and let it continue being a safe place to go to school and continue building right here on our sight. Several members agreed that they like the small school atmosphere and the close family feel. Vera McLaugherty is brainstorming with other teachers about having a Boot camp for the incoming freshman to bust their skill for math, reading, Spanish class etc. this could happen a few week before the school year starts.

**A motion for adjournment** was made by Jack O'Reilly and seconded by Josh Payne at 8:54 a.m.

**Next meeting is January 20, 2010** (back to the 3ed Wed.)

Minutes submitted by Gale Downs

