

Sarasota Military Academy

School Advisory Council

August 18, 2010 [ amended ]

**Attendance:** Dan Kennedy, Terry Lipman, Vera McClaugherty, Jim Young, Michael Spetsios, Denise Spetsios, Rebecca Paquette, Gale Downs.

**Meeting was called to order by** Terry Lipman 7:15 a.m. The April minutes were accepted with first motion by Vera McClaugherty and seconded by Denise Spetsios.

**Headmasters Report:** We are excited that SMA earned the 100% bench mark achievement in the county; every group of student made improvements. FCAT and ACT and dual enrolment also reflected the scoring. The FCAT will be having a few changes this year. We are adding French to the language department. We have added more AP and we are very excited to bring on board a new band director to the music department. The leadership group is a solid group. PTCC and the SAC council may want to think about how to put together a ten year class reunion and contacting the alumni. We are continuing looking at South County for a property to remodel for the high school. The incoming orientation is on Friday 8-11:30 a.m. and the parents information meeting is from 8-9:30 a.m.

**New Business:** We are looking for a freshman parent to be part of SAC if someone comes to mind invite them to a meeting. There is some interest in having the PTCC in the morning and not in the evenings.

SIP (School Improvement Plan) will be presented at the September meeting. SAC is hopeful to keep the same SIP structure at SMA as last year. The members of this council have discussed and provided input to LTC Chris Bowman, Administrator, with comments regarding the SIP that includes but are not limited to: RTI (Response to Intervention)/PBS (Positive Behavior School)/FCAT analyzing data/good strategies for enhancing literacy with the Word of the Week program, continued requirement of 15 minutes reading each day and keeping a reading log/helping teachers to improve skills/continue as an ACT testing site, continued conducting of SAT/ACT test prep classes/ the school budget/ raising graduation goals so that all seniors take and pass the ACT/SAT tests/ crisis intervention/security/ESOL/ working with gifted students/changes to Florida law pertaining to education needs for SMA. [ The Five Star school plan requires verification to meet the standard of a 5-Star School.

**Old Business:** We are very interested in having the opinion from parents and students from the south county in regards to having a facility.

Tuesday morning tours will be starting up the Tuesday after Labor Day. We always have a great turn out the first few months. We will be calling on the PTCC members to help out. The parents and prospective cadets are asked to be on campus at 7 a.m.

**A motion for adjournment** was made by Vera McClaugherty and seconded by Denise Spetsios

Next meeting is Sept. 13, 2010 in room 22 about 7:35 a.m.

