

Osceola Middle School Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

October 24, 2019

In attendance for the SAC Committee were regular members: Mr. Downing (Principal); Mark Mayers (community member); Amy Ross (teacher); Michele Clanton (parent/SAC Chair); Michelle Cohen (parent); Windi Smith (parent/Vice-Chair); Jennifer Cottage (teacher); and at large member Adam Cohen (parent); Paul Varillas (parent); Shannon Stripling (teacher) and Greg Potter (AP). The meeting was presided by Mrs. Clanton, beginning at 5:39 PM.

In old business, Mr. Downing reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, which was held on September 17, 2019. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Adam Cohen and seconded by Shannon Stripling. Motion carried.

In new business, the school improvement plan was reviewed by Mr. Downing and goals shared. A motion to approve the plan was submitted (Ross) and seconded (Clanton). Motion passed (unanimously).

The Parental Involvement Plan was presented by Mr. Potter. A motion to approve the plan was submitted (Ross) and seconded (Clanton). Motion passed (unanimously).

A SAC Request for \$280 was entered by Sean Downing, on behalf of Mayra Talavera (OMS Migrant Advocate) for covering the cost of admittance into the Museum of Discovery and Science. Migrant students are attending tutorial and the hope had been to offer this as an incentive. Downing has volunteered to cover the cost of the bus out of the field trip allocation if SAC would cover admittance. There was a motion (Mayer) and second (Stripling). Motion carried (unanimous).

A SAC Request for \$400 was entered by Shannon Stripling for a universal translator. She has a non-English-speaking student with whom she cannot communicate. She had researched and found a start-up in France that would translate her voice on a mobile mic to ear buds for the student to hear in his native tongue. There was a motion to approve (Clanton) and seconded (Ross). The discussion centered on how we as a committee will know/compare that this will be the best device as there are similar products coming on the market. A revised motion to review products/share/conduct business over email and to collect a consensus was entered (Cohen) and seconded (Ross). Motion passed.

An email on November 1, 2019 from Jennifer Cottage to the SAC Committee with an analysis of 4 different universal translators was offered to the committee. There were several correspondences via email and a consensus of regular members voted to approve by November 9, 2019. Copies are available of the emails in the SAC Secretary's Notebook (located in the Principal's Office at OMS).

A future meeting was set for January 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Osceola Middle School Conference Room C.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mark Mayers and seconded (Ross). The motion was passed by a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Meeting notes submitted for approval to the membership by Sean Downing, Osceola Middle School Principal. If clarification, revision, or embellishment is needed, please reply to Mr. Downing via district email.

Thank you to all who were in attendance!