

School Advisory Council Minutes

Bellalago Academy

October 21, 2019

- **Welcome:** Mr. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:45 PM.
 - A. Attendees: Curtis Smith, Dr. Rasmussen, Shellee De Freitas, Latasha Nickelson, Nadine Singh, Jennifer Samaroo, Dawn Boland, Alyssa Noel, Kayla Hungerford, Shirhonda Matthews, Shawn Clemons, Sandra Morales, Jennifer Perez Gomez, Ysmenia Rosario, Veronica Vayas, Ms. Egan
 - B. Vision and mission statements read by Mr. Smith.
- **School Update - Dr. Rasmussen:**
 - A. Friday night was Fall Festival, put on by PTO & all grade levels. Huge turnout. Wristbands very well received! Proceeds still TBD.
 - B. Redistricting – at last meeting, all voted to take plan to School Board. In early November, Board will vote to approve or send team back to revise the plan.
 - C. District had contractors out last week to bid the school fence. Hopefully work will start in next couple weeks.
 - D. Boy Scouts organization which uses space at the school will ask painter to paint school logo on the new building on the property.
 - E. Academic teams have been meeting and all is going well. Morning tutoring has started and going well for those students who need it.
- **Treasurer Report:** \$28,457.80 current SAC balance.
- **New Business:**
 - A. Requests for funds:
 - i. Dawn Boland – AVID Binders - \$750. Have purchased some binders with funds granted previously; this fund request is to buy 100 more. Binders help students to get organized. Cost of 100 binders is \$500, plus need \$250 for dividers and extra materials. Mr. Smith made motion to approve fund request. Motion approved by SAC.
 - ii. Shawn Clemons – Jan 30th STEM Night - \$500. Funds for Orlando Science Center mileage and extra supplies for the classroom. Mr. Smith made motion to approve fund request. Motion approved by SAC.
 - iii. Shirhonda Matthews, Elementary Guidance Counselor - Florida School Counselor Conference - \$145. Conference to be held in Orlando on Nov 8-9. In discussion, it was suggested that all 3 guidance counselors attend for maximum school benefit; cost would be \$435. Mr. Smith made motion to approve request for \$435 and SAC approved the motion.

- iv. Sandra Morales and Jennifer Perez Gomez – Flexible Seating (2nd grade) - \$449.90. Some students could benefit from having flexible chairs to help them focus; evidence shows this helps with behavior in the classroom. Request for 10 chairs total with 5 for each of 2 classrooms (\$44.99 per chair via amazon). Team will find approved vendor to order from, for a total cost not to exceed \$500. Ms. Samaroo made motion to approve up to \$500 and Ms. Boland seconded the motion. SAC approved the motion.
- v. Ysmenia Rosario – representing social services team - \$1500. Funds requested to assist with incentives for Positive Behavior Intervention (PBI) program – Hero program. Mr. Smith made motion to approve fund request and SAC approved motion.
- vi. Veronica Vayas – flexible seating options for (8) 4th grade classes - \$1,846.96 total. Includes cost for fidget bands and a 24-pc active classroom pack. Lots of discussion on finding lower cost but durable solutions. Ms. Noel also suggested looking at other ways to help ADHD students. Ms. Nickelson made motion to table the discussion until next SAC meeting and Ms. Singh seconded the motion. SAC approved the motion. Ms. Vayas will bring more info to next meeting, including alternative pricing and reviews.
- vii. Ms. Egan, Science and Math Coach for MS – 3 Mobile Lab Tables – range: \$4818.30 to \$5909.70. Middle school has 5 science classrooms but only 2 labs. Quotes from 3 potential suppliers. Ms. De Freitas made motion to spend up to \$5000 on 3 tables; Ms. Noel seconded motion. SAC approved.

- **Old Business:** None.
- **Approve Minutes for September 2019:** Ms. Nickelson made motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Boland seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- **Next SAC Meeting:** November 18, 2019 @ 4:45PM.
- **Adjourn:** Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Nickelson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.