

**LAWTON CHILES MIDDLE ACADEMY**  
**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by Chair Doug Ray. An agenda and copy of minutes were given to each member. Attendance was recorded. Seventeen members attended out of a possible nineteen giving an 89% participation rate. The following SAC committee member was absent: Silvia Falcom and Rosaland Henderson. No substitutes were available.

Chair Ray welcomed everybody and submitted the minutes from the October 23, 2008 meeting for approval. The minutes were accepted by the committee, seconded and approved. A reminder that the next SAC meeting date has been moved to January 29, 2009.

Chair Ray introduced Anu Saxena – Chair of IB Exploratory Committee for LCMA. One of the committee's action items was to do site visits of other schools. Anu reported on the recent MYP visits to Cocoa Beach by Principal Neuman, Dr. Winegar, and Susie Kallan and to Orlando by Principal Neuman, Dr. Winegar, Susie Kallan, Stephen Baggett and Dr. Mensah. Anu shared the following notes on the visits:

- Information and knowledge gained on the trips was extremely valuable.
- Received files and manuals on their MYB programs. They were very willing to share their information and programs with our committee.
- Education system uses a global approach compared to our traditional schools.
- St. Petersburg training center will save on cost of teacher training.
- LCMA already has many pieces in place to convert to IB program.
- Estimated cost for a 3 year program is \$300k or \$100,000/year.
- Main cost of program is IB Coordinator position at \$68k/year.
- IB fee is increasing from \$6,000/yr to \$8,000/yr
- Meet with Polk Co. Board to discuss cost and budgets.
- School within a school (Regular program plus IB program).

Principal Sharon Neuman reported on the projected schedule for the MYB program.

1. Start teacher training in Fall 2009
2. First year would be 2009/2010 school year
3. Second year is 2<sup>nd</sup> IB review and more applications

Doug Ray introduced Dr. Jim Winegar – LCMA Math Department Chairperson. Jim started with an update to the SAC committee concerning the Florida State education standards for math and the up coming changes. The old Florida statutes had 80 plus standards for math. The new direction is a “world standard” with only 19 standards but each with more depth. The focus will be more problem solving, more intermediate products and understanding concepts. Dr. Winegar shared his concern about adequate direction and testing materials as he outlined the time line for the switch.

- 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 – teach the new standard but FCAT will be testing on the old standard. Hence his concern about our FCAT grades.
- 2010/2011 – teach and test the new standard

Dr. Winegar reviewed LCMA SIP for math. A video presentation was provided. The math SIP includes ten strategies to meet these needs and specific objectives of our students. He stressed using “math warm ups” in area of each students need. A budget review followed to outline the financial needs for the math SIP strategies. Funding requests were for technology training in summer, Smart Boards in all math classes, graphing calculators and vertical planning.

Chair Ray introduced Trevor Thomas – LCMA Science Department Chairperson. Trevor reviewed LCMA SIP for science. A handout was provided. The SIP includes fourteen strategies to meet the objective of 90% of eighth graders will achieve level 3 or above in science. Mr. Thomas shared the use of a document reader and Smart board tools used in science SIP this year. An example of how to energize our kids learning was presented in a demo Pod cast by two of our students as technology being used and developed for learning. The SAC committee enjoyed a Pod cast on “How to make a turkey” just in time for the holidays.

Principal Neuman reported the county is currently updating the email software. School email messages maybe unavailable during this time. The meeting was closed and adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Submitted by  
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