

SAC Meeting Minutes January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Anu Saxena at 8:00 a.m. The October 2011 minutes had accidentally been attached to the agenda. The November and January minutes will be attached to the February agenda to be voted on. All members were present except Karla Collins and Mary Volokas.

Mrs. LeRoy spoke of the Science Goals. Please see the School Improvement Plan: Science handout.

74% of the LCMA students earned an achievement level of 3, 4 or 5 on the 2012 FCAT.

The percentage for Polk County was 36%.

The percentage for the State was 46%.

The goal for this year is 85% of the students at LCMA will earn an achievement level of 3, 4 or 5, 45% to earn a 4 or 5.

Some of the highlights of the handout are:

Science teachers are using different strategies involving reading, writing and decoding vocabulary to assist students in learning. They use higher order thinking questions (HOT). The 6th and 7th grade students are required to do an inquiry based research project. Eighth graders are given a choice of science or history for their project. Twenty six students went to the regional fair with their projects.

Mr. Sears spoke of the Recognition Funds. He received an e-mail from the district saying they needed an outline on how LCMA is distributing the funds. (See attachment to agenda). A motion for approval of the distribution of the Recognition Funds was made by Finah Vida and seconded by Karina Della Sera.

Mrs. Kallan discussed news about IB and MYP. The authorization team for IB will be at LCMA on March 5th and 6th. She went over some of the characteristics of the IB/MYP program.

Holistic Learning – 1. All subjects relate with each other
2. Look at the student as a whole person

Communication – 1. Can they communicate what they are learning
2. Can they speak in front of people
3. Can they communicate in a written format

Global Perspective – Bring in perspectives of other countries.

Even in Physical Education the program is being used. Last year the students learned a dance from another country. They were required to write a report and do a power point presentation.

Mrs. Neuman had two students perform a demonstration of the Learner Profiles that they had performed for her.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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