

LSAC MINUTES FOR September 10, 2009

Attendees: Mr. Forti (Principal), Justin Staus (LSAC Business Partner), Kevin Buchanan (LSAC Vice President), Laurie Cullen (LSAC President), Cindy Kiernan (SAE Curriculum Coordinator), Barbara Bell (LSAC Teacher), Marcia Mika (LSAC Teacher), Cori Holmes (LSAC Teacher), Edith Wichser (LSAC Secretary), Kathy Amos (SAE Food Services), Nadira Merchant (LSAC Parent), Lee Ann Jones (PTA Community Affairs)

Mr. Forti welcomed all. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Guest speaker, Kathy Amos, from SAE Food Services spoke regarding the school menus and nutritional requirements of food served in the cafeteria. She informed us that she receives recommended food menus that are developed by the School Board Nutritional Services and not set by each individual school. The menus are developed using Federal and State requirements. She then selects menus and places food orders locally from approved vendors. Strict guidelines are followed for food preparation, safety and clean-up. She also informed us that student account numbers issued in Elementary School are set-up to last through High School, therefore, important for students to remember their number and not share with anyone. Currently a new vendor is being considered to go back to an on-line student account system.

Mr. Forti informed that the Presidential Speech would be viewed by the students today, Thursday. After the speech and length of time was released it was determined that the students would be shown the taped speech during the day. A notice was sent home on Tuesday informing parents.

Ms. Bell gave an informative overview regarding the Promethean Active-Boards including a demonstration of the numerous flip charts available to the teachers via the extensive library. As of this year at SAE all grades 1st through 5th have an Active-Board. Also, with the assistance of the PTA 4th and 5th grades have document cameras (hi-tech projectors) installed and compatible to use with the Active-Boards all examples of new technology that teachers use to engage students in learning at a new level. An update training session is scheduled next week on the Promethean Active-Boards.

Parent access to Math, Social Studies and Science school books will be on the SAE website.

Ms. Mika gave an update on the 5th grade tradition Rock Eagle over night field trip scheduled for October 7th and 8th. The trip is an outdoor education camp which is parent funded at \$90 per student. The camp program includes teacher lead activities covering team building, map/compass reading, nature/animal studies, hikes and a campfire.

Other grade level field trips have not been confirmed. SAE 4th grade will have a parent funded field trip to Columbus, GA Space Center. The 3rd grade is looking into visiting the Roswell City Hall. In general already have High-Touch/ High-Tech visiting SAE for all grades to experience.

Ms. Kiernan discussed the writing initiatives that SAE started two years ago. Knowing that the Fulton County School Board had new writing standards set for 2009 a proactive approach was taken by the SAE staff. With the assistance from the PTA Lola Schaefer, a writing consultant was contacted to conduct writing workshops with the teachers. SAE formed a writing committee to develop a frame work and pacing charts to focus on improving writing skills. It was stressed that a big part of the students writing work is completed in the classroom, therefore, results will come gradually as the grades move up.

Sweet Apple Village has the Mexican restaurant, TaraHumata, opening September 21.

Future agenda items: value added items, topics to focus on for next year, next year's plan, etc.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2009.