

SKY Academy  
Board of Directors  
MINUTES  
Monday, November 21, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

Called to order at 5:04 pm

**Present:** Michelle Hazeltine, Joyce Long, Dianne Cogburn, Wayne Roberts, Angie Chace, Steve Smith

**Absent:** Ken Modzelewski

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to accept minutes:

**Motion made by:** Michelle Hazeltine

**Seconded by:** Joyce Long

**VOTE:** Approved 5-0

Parent Involvement Rep Report- SAC minutes attached. There is nothing to report at this time.

Principal's Report

- Curriculum/Assessments
  - o PSAT's will be done in Jan or Feb for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It will cost approximately \$10/student which will be taken from our Fundraiser account.
  - o SKY Venice was recently recognized by the Governor for being in the top 8% for Math Achievement.
  - o Currently at 94% proficiency in Algebra which is slightly higher than we were at this time last year.
  - o Our growth in AEP is further along than this time last year. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is currently our weakest grade level but still making better progress than previous year.
- Long-Term Planning
  - o Currently at 251 students. 3 students transferred to Heron Creek due to their family relocating.
  - o Marketing and signage continue to be our focus. Discussed incentives for new students that could also benefit current students. Banners and yard signs are starting to go out to local businesses.
  - o Enrollment is open. Our first open house will be in February.
- Fundraising/Community Outreach
  - o Working with Snook Haven to plan a fundraiser for SKY Venice.
  - o Dec 8<sup>th</sup> will be our Chili's night where 10% of the sales will come back to SKY. Heavy marketing focus after the holidays.

- Food drive is complete with great success. Collected more food this year than previous years.
  - Pet drive was successful as well. Delivered food, blankets and toys for animals displaced by Hurricane Matthew.
  - Links of Love started last week. Students can purchase a link for \$0.25. Proceeds go towards Christmas gifts for local families in need. Our NJHS students will be shopping, wrapping and delivering..
  - Our Book Fair exceeded our goal and will be receiving close to \$600 back which will go towards our NJHS trip.
  - New Kinesthetic classroom furniture has been ordered with thanks to a generous fundraiser held by our Board Chair, Michelle Hazeltine.
- Wellness and Nutrition
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent/student breakfast coming in January.
  - PE department continue to engage students with fun runs, throw back game days and SKY team station races.
  - Staff vs student Volleyball game will be Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Field Trips coming up: Embrace Our Differences (school wide), Busch Gardens (Dr. Roth, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Guys and Dolls (Language Arts).

No new business

Adjourned at 5:44 pm

**Motion made by:** Dianne Cogburn

**Seconded by:** Wayne Roberts

**VOTE:** Approved 5-0

Minutes taken by: Crystal Burritt

Minutes approved by:

Michelle Hazeltine  
Dianne F. Cogburn



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## SAC MEETING NOTES

Meeting Called	November 9 4:00 PM
Notification of Meeting	October 12, 2016
Members	Michelle Sooklal, Mia Slaton, Randi Lynn Huber , Sherri Gregiore
Welcome	Mrs. Sooklal
Minutes Agenda 1 Open Enrollment	<p>Mrs. Sooklal discussed that the enrollment goal is to have 300 students at SKY next school year. Open enrollment is now and to encourage family and friends to sign up. Mailings are going out and newspaper advertisements will be posted. 2 orientations/open Houses will take place in February and March. The floor was open to ideas to encourage enrollment at SKY.</p> <p>Parents said that the mailings are not effective, Mrs. Slaton said those mailings usually don't make it past the mail box; however the newspaper ads are good and feel that we should use the money we would for ads into giving better incentives.</p> <p>Mrs. Huboer and Mrs. Gregiore said that word of mouth is the best way to get kids at SKY. That is how they decided to come based on their son's friends who were coming to SKY. They said if their friends are coming here from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade the kids will follow. Mrs. Huboer also suggested a "Friends and Family" night with lots of prizes. (free uniform coupons/free binder coupons/free YMCA memberships) Anyone bringing a friend who signs their child up to SKY receives an I Pod. Mrs. Gregoire said that she would definitely attend an event like this to encourage enrollment and the incentives.</p> <p>Parents said that families would love it if SKY gave every student who attended their own chrome book for the 3 years they would be attending SKY. Especially since many families may not be able to afford a computer at home for students to work on and do their assignments and research etc.</p> <p>Mrs. Slaton suggested to offer any parents who sign their children up to SKY receives a free family membership to the YMCA, Mrs. Huboer and Mrs. Agreed that this would be a real nugget to get kids into SKY. They also said that the family membership should be given to every family who has a child at SKY Academy.</p> <p>Mrs. Sooklal suggested a program that is unique to SKY. Ideas were something similar to Young Marines. Mrs. Slaton suggested some type of physical fitness training class in addition to the 2 PE classes where students are trained for specific skills(strength and conditioning/aquatics). Mrs. Sooklal suggested a coaching course that would run for one quarter, then a health and wellness training for a</p>



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	<p>quarter, then a healthy eating and cooking class and finally a marathon training/boot camp. Another thought was to have an elective where students go to the YMCA for Zumba/ weight training/spin/ as an elective.</p> <p>Mrs. Slaton suggested a culinary class as an elective where there is an internship working with Chef Dave in the Cafeteria. This elective could be combined with the health and wellness class. Mrs. Gregoire agreed. Parents all agreed that the speech and debate class needs to be replaced with something unique to our mission statement “infusion of wellness strategies”.</p> <p>Mrs. Huboer asked why we do not have “celebrity” athletes as mentors here at SKY. Mrs. Sooklal suggested having athletes come quarterly for a presentation in the gym or a workshop working with the students at least 4 -6 times a year.</p>
Agenda Item 2 Fundraising	<p>Parents were interested in starting a booster where they sell SKY Academy Clothing and gear. All parents feel that the profits from uniform sales for SKY Academy should be part of SKY Academy budget. Parents said they were willing to run those orders and sales as a booster throughout the school year for SKY Academy.</p>
Agenda Item 3 Advertising	<p>Mrs. Huboer suggested that parents are reminded about the facebook page and how to access it. Mrs. Sooklal will include the reminder in her emails.</p>
Agenda Item 4 Locker ROoms	<p>Discussion on new locker room and facility for the students. Parents were concerned with the layout of the new building and the traffic pattern that would be cause for congestion and traffic concerns. Suggestion to have new locker rooms be added to the back of the gym and not in a separate building; to add a locker room to the back or side area of the gym. This would be in the best interest of the students at SKY Academy. Concern that Middle School Lockers should not be incorporated next to a preschool. Safety and security as well for students and parents dropping and picking up students needs to be considered.</p>
Open Agenda	<p>Pot holes need to be repaired throughout the parking lot and the circle around the cafeteria.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	5:40 PM
Next Meeting Date	January 11, 2017