

**School Advisory Council Minutes
Ponte Vedra High School
October 17, 2023 @ 4:30PM
Media Center**

Attendees Present: Fredrik Oberkehr, Selena Sheffield, Ella York, Michele Meyer, Gretchen Saunders, Kacey Roache, Mark Procopio, Eric Wendell, Pam Riley, John Weinbrenner, Elizabeth Paul, Carter Magnano, Erika Marino, Caroline Preston, Hastings Williams, Kelly Barrera, Laura Freeman.

Virtual Attendees: Emily Harrison, Linda Maberry, Paul Wilkinson.

September Minutes: Mark Procopio motioned to accept; Eric Wendell seconded that motion. Vote passed.

Funds Request: Michele Meyer shared an interactive vertical space demonstration and requested funds (\$590.00) to attend the “Building Thinking Classrooms” conference. The request was approved by Erika Marino and was seconded by Elizabeth Paul.

Student Events:

- Superintendent’s Super SAC.
- Carter Magnano is the SAC student representative for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Carter proposed four ideas for ways to improve our school.
 - Use the time after exams at the end of the year for SAT prep.
 - Campus Security- Only one entrance and have door monitors.
 - A digital platform for club forms to make it easier to obtain signatures.
 - Change the retake policy because students feel the current policy discourages studying because you get a second chance. Instead, have the students take two tests and the average between the two would be the score.

District Updates:

- The district CFO, Gretchen Saunders discussed budget challenges and the overall financial condition of the district.
 - Currently we have half a billion dollars shortage.
 - District had to cut 15% of the funds for supplies, schools had to cut 10%.
 - FEFP- Florida Education Finance Program restructured.
 - State-wide projected increase of students- 117,372
 - We changed from (DCD) District Cost Differential to (CWF) Comparable Wage Factor, increasing minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
 - (TSIA) Teacher Salary Increase Allocation- classroom teacher and other instructional personnel salary increase. (\$252.8 million state-wide increase.)
- A lot of audits everyday- ESSR funds, Title 1, I.D.E.A., Food Service and so much more.

Q: Erika Marino- How often do you meet in Tallahassee on a state level to discuss our financial needs?

A: As often as possible, but not on a federal level. We have representatives from Tallahassee that go to bat for us.

Principals Update:

- Attendance and dress code are becoming a main focus again.

Meeting Adjournment @5:42: Eric Wendell made the motion to adjourn, Erika Marion seconded the motion.