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| Ponte Vedra High School  School Advisory Council Agenda  April 16th, 2024  4:30 PM  Ponte Vedra High School Media Center | | |
| Time | Agenda Topics | Speaker |
| 4:30 | Welcome | Jeannine O’Brian |
| 4:32 | February Minutes (No meeting in March)   * Discussion * Vote | Jeannine O’Brian |
| 4:35 | District Presentation | Expected: Mr. Forson, Mr. Degutis, Dr. Asplen |
| 5:15 | School Recognition Funds Vote   * 2023-2024 selection * Discussion of election results * SAC vote for approval | Jeannine O’Brian |
| 5:25 | SAC Request for Funds – AP Annual Conference | Mark Casper |
| 5:30 | SAC Survey Results | Dr. Oberkehr |
| 5:40 | Principal’s Update | Dr. Oberkehr |

**Minutes:**

Welcome: Molly Collett and Mark Casper were introduced as our new SAC Chair and Assistant Chair

February Minutes: Motion to approve by Linda Maberry and seconded by Kacey Roache.

District Presenters: Nicole Cubbege and Dr. Asplen.

Topic: Budget & November ballot

School Recognition Funds: Option 2 won- 10% goes back to the school. The remaining funds are divided equally among ALL staff, with proration for part-time staff. Motion to approve- Elizabeth Paul and seconded by Mark Procopio.

SAC Request for Funds- AP Annual Conference.

Mark Casper requested permission and funds to attend the AP Art History conference in Las Vegas. Katilyn Collazo implemented a new method of comparing/ contrasting for art history, and she presented it at the AP conference.

Vote: Motion initiated by Kacey Roache and seconded by Linda Maberry.

SAC Survey Results: Efforts to Eliminate Teacher Shortages: Recruit, train, retain high quality staff for long term.

Principal’s Update: End of Year Focus

Admin: Master Schedule, Budget, Dual Enrollment for Psychology

Parents: Cheating, SAT/ACT prep, vaping, counseling students to get the college ready.

Staff: Cheating with AI

Students: College Planning

Q- How often is Millage voted on?

1. Millage is voted on every four years.

One Million increase = $360K per year????

Tax Increase= ½ cent sales tax increase

One Million Summary = Property Tax, Money stays with the schools and is used for nurses, youth resource officers, and art programs.

Questions & Comments:

Kelly Barera: We are in the top 5 of districts in Florida and with the increase 3% will go to District Administration and 97% goes to the schools.

Kacey Roache: Q- Have we ever had a millage increase passed on the ballot before?

1. No.

November Ballot: Continue existing ½ cent sales tax for capital outlay

Emily Harrison: Q- What will the wording on the ballot be?

1. Still working out the wording on the ballot

November Ballot: Continue existing ½ cent sales tax for capital outlay

Levy a new one mill property tax for school programs

Nicole Cubbege- Administration of ½ cent sales tax and what it is used for:

Since 2008 supported increased student population of 45%, expanded 8 schools and built 11 new schools, as well as reduction of capital outlay.

We still need to build 20+ schools to keep up with the growth in our community.

1/2 sales tax paid for: District wide increase in safety measure for students, staff and campuses.

Centegix, Single point of entry systems to help keep guests contained.

Upgraded speakers for announcements, built two permanent schools 100% with sales tax and two other schools were built and partially funded by the sales tax. 13 new roofs were installed on school buildings, a covered outdoor P.E. area for RB Hunt, 8,604 student computers, 3,658 teacher computers, 1,420 smart TV’s, WiFi and network improvements, sound enhancement systems which save voices and make it easier for students to hear.

C.O.F.T.E.- Capital Outlay Full Time Equivalent was 32 mil (2008) and is currently 68 mil.

Currently SJCS have 598 portable classrooms. We need the ½ cent increase to support the growing student body by building new schools. Without the ½ cent increase building will have to be stopped, and there will be delays for building maintenance and renovations.

Of the ½ cent sales tax every dollar collected stays here with the schools.

Q&A

Q- Leann Townsend Hend: How much money is the ½ sales tax per year?

1. $18 million to spend

Operations Millage covers salaries, benefits, all utilities needed to run a school.

By asking voters for the milage we are creating our own revenue.

Starting pay for new teachers was $39k four years ago, now it’s $48,642. Veteran teachers missed out on this increase.

Pay minimum was increased to $15/hr. which helps since we have a lot of support roles in SJCSD.

Vacancies:

Teachers- 46 (22 from ESE)

Paraprofessionals- 8 from general education and 40 from ESE

SLP (Speech Language Pathologist) 30

Classroom vacancies 146

Bus Operators- 45

Bus Attendants 21

Custodians 31

Q- Leann Townsend Hend: Do we have to ask for a full mill or can it be halved?

1. ½ mill won’t be enough to do anything with. Legally, we can only do ½ cent as a school district.

Q- Regarding student growth- only a percentage of property can be developed on; what happens when we run out of property?

1. Silverleaf is far from building out, so are several other areas. We still have more growth and building schools for kids in the portables/ relocatable since they are leased, not owned.

Q- Casey Monti- Is there any job sharing happening? Would that help?

1. Yes, we do have some job sharing and it does help.

Q- What strategies are being used to get parents and students to successfully share this information?

1. Presenting to a variety of people/ groups to get the word out. Appealing to a variety of people and discussions about keeping home values up.

Impact Fees:

Required to pay for all new homes, costs all around- roads, emergency services etc. = impact fees. Schools pay this too. It is very important for building new schools and getting relocatables etc. It is all about timing, but there is still a time lag before we can access those funds.

Q- Are there turnover fees for selling already constructed homes?

1. That is not permitted by the state of Florida. Once a house exists it’s assumed it’s been paid for/taxed.

Q- Didn’t developers use to be responsible for building schools?

1. No, not in our area.

Motion to close the meeting: Molly Collette

Second: Mark Casper