

# PM Wells Charter Academy

## SAC Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Miriam Vargas, the new SAC president, introduced the new SAC board members to the attendees.

The minutes from last month's meeting were presented and approved.

Principal Bushey emphasized the need for parental involvement and applauded the PTO board's newsletter idea. The newsletter will be published monthly and will include school news as well as advertising.

The principal also explained that this is FTE week. By way of explanation, it is the week in which the state determines how many certified students attend PM Wells and begins to distribute funds based on enrollment.

The attendees were presented with an abbreviated version of the school improvement plan. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

- Number of out-of-field teachers – this includes ESOL teachers.
- School goals for the upcoming school year. If current goals are met, the school will earn an "A" grade.
- Number of students making adequate yearly progress (AYP). Of note: PM Wells has not achieved AYP for the last 3 years.
- FCAT scale scores by grade.
- Data analysis (benchmark) – parents are able to view their students' benchmark scores on the SIS system.

Intensive teaching is available in math, ESOL, and ESE to assist students to meet their goals. An ESOL specialist is also available at PM Wells this school year.

*THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.*

The discussion then focused on the SAC budget. Principal Bushey explained that public schools have a line item in their budgets for SAC; charter schools do not. As a result, public schools are funded through a number of sources, including the FTE count, the state lottery, mil money, impact fees, I.D.E.A. funds derived from special education fees, and other taxes and fees.

By state statute, charter schools receive their funding **ONLY** from the FTE count. They must then purchase services (including buses, food service, and extermination services) from any money received.

The impact is that the customary \$5.00 per student that is awarded to the school will not be available for SAC funds.

***However, members discussed that the SAC treasurer can write a letter to CSUSA and the Education Foundation of Osceola requesting that the funds be made available to the SAC. Erika Sangiovanni, the treasurer, was not present at the meeting and will be advised via the minutes.***

Several suggestions were presented to boost attendance at the PTO/SAC meetings. Suggestions that passed the vote included:

- Students will be allowed to wear jeans to school on Friday if their parent(s) attend the meeting on Thursday evening.
  - Rotate meeting times and days.
  - Send reminder flyers home with students in advance of the meetings.
- The meetings will also be announced on the school marquis, SIS, and the school's website simultaneously.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2009.