

**SAC Minutes**  
**Veteran's Park Academy for the Arts**  
**August 31, 2009**

**In attendance:** Alonso, Carlos; Marrero, Barbara; Bates, Brenda B; Bounds, Kimberly; Santiago, Charlotte; Scudder, Cheryl; Phillips, Danielle; Gohagen, Vicki; Gollman, Romona; Gordic, Diana; Hanson, Debra; Snyder, Holly; Houchin, Dale; Hill, Jacqui; Knight, Tonya; Prieto, Kristan; Krystofiak, Heather; Mansicalco, Kelly; Gonzalez, Marlen; Mazza, Bonnie; Mullin, Stacie; Otto, Jackie; Pender, Anita; Perez, Zulianny; Crackel, Robin; Roszell, Heather; Anglickis, Ruth; Hernandez, Sarahi; Slough, Meredith; Friere, Vanessa; White, Angela; Williams, Joanne; Yelvington, Cindy; Zenoniani, Tracey; Barnes, Wes and Katherine; Moliner, Beatriz; Jackson, Nateefah; Cruz, Marilyn

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Houchin at 6:05pm. He welcomed the new parents and teachers to SAC. The minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting were read. Vicki Gohagen moved to accept them; second by Jaqui Hill. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Gollman briefly described the role of the DAC representative.

Mrs. Zenoniani and Mrs. Maniscalco presented the results of the 2008-2009 FCAT and AYP report. Deb Hanson moved to accept the SIP/AYP goal report. Romona Gollman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SAC elections: Nominations were solicited for the 2009/2010 SAC officers. Jackie Otto nominated Diana Gordic for secretary. Anita Pender seconded. Vote for her to serve as secretary passed unanimously. Mr. Houchin explained that the SAC chair had to be a parent, not a staff member. Robin Crackel nominated herself to serve as SAC chair. Cindy Yelvington seconded. Vote for her to serve as chair passed unanimously. Deb Hanson nominated Jacqui Hill to be DAC representative. Katherine Barnes self nominated to be DAC alternate. Both names were seconded by Cheryl Scudder. Approved unanimously.

Robin Crackel took over as chair and ran the remainder of the meeting. Mrs. Zenoniani explained the School Improvement Plan and defined Safe Harbor. Mrs. Maniscalco showed the SIP goals for 2009-2010. Mrs. Pender was introduced to explain RTI and the new A+ team. Each goal for reading, writing, math, science and parental involvement was presented, along with strategies and a budget.

Mrs. Zenoniani explained that VPAA is now a Title 1 school because of our high rate of free and reduced lunch students. Title 1 status is what funds Mrs. Pender's new position. Part of the requirements of Title 1 include a major component of parental involvement. Mrs. Pender explained that there will be three surveys sent to parents during the year to get feedback on the school and how best to communicate with the home. She requested ideas and input for the questions being asked on the survey and how best to administer the survey. Several ideas included: doing the survey online, broadcasting via Comcast Cable, asking employers to provide stipends and/or release time for parents to attend school open house or 'get to know you' functions.

Mrs. Zenoniani explained the Parent Involvement Policy and opened each item for discussion. Mrs. Pender will send out the documents to all SAC members to get approval of the final documents by email. Mrs. Zenoniani then went over the Title 1 Compact. There was discussion about changing the reading time required for students based on their grade levels. Mrs. Prieto moved to accept the Title 1 Compact. Seconded by Mrs. Friere. Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Zenoniani then went over the Title 1 Parent Right to Know document. A motion was made by Mrs. Prieto to accept the document as written. Seconded by Mrs. Crackel. Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Crackel suggested a meeting date of September 21 at 6pm for the next SAC meeting, which was accepted by the group. The meeting was called to a close at 7:51pm.

Minutes submitted by

Deb Hanson (outgoing VPAA SAC secretary)

Diana Gordic (incoming VPAA SAC secretary)