**PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School**

*School Advisory Council*

February 23 2016 Meeting

Minutes

**Started**: 3:20 PM **Ended**: 3:55 PM

**Attended**: L. Brubaker, Y. Cubero, G. Volen, K. Butler, L. Berger, V. Riegert-Johnson, P. Wilkinson, K. Zarczynski, J. Cox, C. Woolston, R. Keene, K. Furness, C. Woolston, C. Whitty

**Guest**: Marna Fox, Taylor Morris

**Excused**: L. Cabo, B. Morgan, A. Moss, L. Carley

**Unexcused**:

1. **Call to order** -
2. Approve agenda - motion to approve by K. Butler and V. Riegert-Johnson
3. Approve minutes from January, 2016 meeting – motion to approve by G. Volen and C. Woolston
4. **Needs Assessment Survey** -
   1. Your responses are valuable and will assist us in the planning process for the 2016-2017 school year. The survey links will be located on the homepage of the PVPV/Rawlings’ website:

<http://www-pvmkr.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

* 1. Surveys are now online. Surveys close April 1
  2. 57 staff and 45 parents have completed the survey as of February 23.
  3. Advertisement is on the website and will also be in The Wave

1. **Funds Request** 
   1. Barb Stroer requested to attend Art Conference, requested amount $200.
   2. Vote was taken, 11 voted in favor. This was majority.
2. **Curriculum Updates**- Lisa Brubaker
   1. Achieve 3000 (grades 2-5):
      1. 11, 283 activities per students of activities completed
      2. 1, 184 activities completed at home
      3. Classes visit the computer lab twice per week and have access on I pads, laptops, computers at home as well
      4. Teacher feedback shows that students are engaged and motivated to read non-fiction articles.
      5. Teachers are able to track Lexile levels and levels will calibrate at the end of the month to a new level.
   2. RAZKids
      1. Text is read to students
      2. Moves students up depending on completion of activities
3. **Overview of FETC Technology Conference**- Taylor Morris and Ian Zerrahn
   1. New technology/hardware:
      1. SWAY was introduced. It is much like powerpoint. This is a free software for students that is found through Office 365.
      2. Wireless broadcasting tool for $100
      3. Hovercam- has same capabilities as the elmo (document camera) but costs $100 less.
      4. Stem Kit II – geared toward Grades 3-8. It is similar to lego’s. They not only build a structure, but can also write code to make the structure move. It costs $199 per kit.
      5. “Dash” which is a robot that kids can write code to make move. (4 dash, 4 dot robots are $999).
      6. Code.org- This is appropriate for grades K-12. Helps students learn more about software coding. This is a free software.
      7. Mindcraft – virtual world that allows teachers to create a wide variety of lessons.
4. **Principal Updates** – Kathleen Furness
   1. Reading score examination: 80% proficiency in reading based on data from last year.
   2. Based on some data dips, we are piloting two new Reading programs. For Grades 2-5 Access 3000 and for K-1 RazKids.
   3. On Monday furniture arrives for the STEM and digital instruction lab.
   4. A team of teachers will meet to discuss software needed for the new STEM and digital instruction lab.
   5. Writing Test on Tuesday, March 1. It is one component of the ELA score for grades 4 and 5.
   6. Carnival is just around the corner! Our biggest fund raiser of the year. Kate Zarczynski is organizing the Silent Auction. Many gift cards will be offered for local restaurants and department stores. G. Volen has helped tremendously with communication.
   7. PV Atrium- an outdoor space which is not functional will now turn into “The Turtle Terrace”. Bricks will be sold.
   8. Observation season- Administrators are currently conducting observations of all classroom teachers.
   9. March meeting will be held in the STEM Lab.
5. **Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn by V. Riegert-Johnson and G. Volen.