**October 8, 2015 Eastside High School, School Advisory Council Meeting,**

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. In attendance were:

**EHS**: Jeff Charbonnet, Principal; Adele Turnage, Assistant Principal; teachers: Coral Antony, Nikay Akinyode and Carol Faas; ESPs: Dianna Payne and Saundra Scrivener.

**Parents:** Zhihin Fang, Mike Griffin, Lewis Rhodes, Gretchen von Mering and Elizabeth Washington.

**Community:** Kevin Thorpe, Jeff Smith.

**Student:** EHS student body president NiiSoja Torto.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. Washington and seconded by Dianna Payne.

**Elections** were held. The new offcers are: Chair-- Elizabeth Washington; Vice-Chair --NiiSoja Torto; Secretary --Carol Faas.

**Meeting dates for 2015-1016** were chosen. All meetings are at 5 p.m. in the EHS Media Center. November 19, 2015. February 11 and April 21, 2016.

**SAC Budget:** A very detailed budget will be presented at the November meeting. Menawhile, EHs SAC carried over about $10,000 from last year. The current allocation (75% of total funding) is $132,000. Of this, at least $10,000 has been allocated for teacher grants, $1,500 for media supplies, $1,100 for ACT test fees for seniors needing to graduate (this will be a recurring item, as in 2015 all but 2 seniors did graduate), and $7,900 was spent this summer on salary for an assistant principal. The budget will also cover 2. 1 teacher positions.

**SAC minigrants:** Ms. Turnage is informing the teachers that $10,000 is available. The money will be distributed this semester.

**Florida Standardized Tests Results:** Ms. Payne read aloud a letter that Dr. Owen Roberts sent to all parents and teachers announcing his concern about the FSA. Dr. Roberts and the State PTA urge everybody to contact state legislators and express concern that the FSA is not a legitimate measure of student achievement. A list of all political contacts was distributed.

**Discussion of FSA Tests and Accountability System:** At present, the cut scores for passing the FSA are set so that half of all Florida high school students will not receive a diploma. Upon a motion by Ms. Payne, seconded by Dr. Smith, Ms. Payne will draft a letter on behalf of the EHS-SAC expressing our support of Dr. Roberts and all the Florida school district superintendents who object to the use of this FSA in graduation rates and teacher evaluations.

 **Announcements:**

Sixty incoming freshmen attended **the EHS Summer Bridge Program**. They attended four weeks of classes and got 0.5 credit points for marine biology. This program was a great success in orienting students to our school.

Of the 31 **National Merit Scholar Semifinalists** in Alachua County, 15 attend EHS.

**EHS Bucket List Award:** Students can earn a graduation day honor cord by attending various activities such as joining a club, or attending a concert, play, dance or game. NiiSoja Torto will go on the EHS morning news and explain this new way to raise school spirit.