

School Advisory Council  
Minutes  
September 20, 2012

Meeting called to order by Jeff Charbonnet, Principal at 4: 30 pm

In attendance: Jeff Charbonnet, Dianna Payne, Jacque Polke, Jeff Smith, Mike Griffis, Annalee Perez, Sandy Waldon, Bobbie Benson, Coral Antony, Elizabeth Washington, Maria Zelaya, Tim Taylor.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the agenda and the minutes from the last SAC meeting held on April 19, 2012.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Commander Byers Hickmon as new SAC member.

Motions were made and seconded to vote for Chairperson: Elizabeth Washington, Vice-chairperson: Coral Antony and Secretary: Bobbie Benson.

Meeting turned over to Dr. Washington.

Discussion was held to select meeting times and dates. Mr. Charbonnet noted that policy dictates that the SAC meets a minimum of four times per academic year. Motions were made and seconded to hold meetings, when possible, on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 4:30 pm in the EHS Media Center.

Meetings dates: September 20, November 8, January 17, March 21 and May 16. Additional meetings may be called if required. The March 21 meeting will consider the required waiver for block scheduling.

Meeting turned over to Mr. Charbonnet to discuss the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Data and Initiative followed by a review of the budget report.

The SAC broke into pairs to review the September 2012 SIP Baseline Data. Discussion followed notice the largest group to be targeted are the African American, Free or Reduced Lunch and Students with Disabilities (SWD) subgroups. The focus will be on Reading, Writing, and Algebra Goals. Mr. Charbonnet reminded the SAC that this year will be the first in which SWD are included in the school grade for achieving level 3. In addition, our graduation rate will be computed based on students earning a regular diploma.

Since 53% of our ninth and tenth graders passed the FCAT, we still need to close the achievement gap as 77% of our targeted subgroup did not pass.

Mr. Charbonnet reminded us that there is no longer a math FCAT, instead the students need to pass End of Course (EOC) exams in Algebra and Geometry, as well as Biology in order to graduate.

Although there was a one year reprieve on the requirement, students need to earn a 4 or higher on Writing to be considered passing.

Over three hundred of our junior and senior students still need to pass FCAT Reading.

Mr. Charbonnet brought to the committee's attention the 12 items generated from the Climate Survey results and strategies to address these items are included in the SIP.

Dr. Jeff Smith initiated discussion regarding how to motivate and maintain interest in after school tutoring for our at risk students. Dean Polke, Mrs. Benson and Annalee Perez will meet to bring the concern to Student Government by having student body complete a survey in home room to find out what would motivate students in order to earn better grades.

Teacher mini-grants are set with an October 26, 2012 deadline so that the determinations to award the grants can be made during the Nov. 8 SAC meeting.

Concerns were brought up by Coral Antony that the nurse has limited clinic supplies and cannot provide materials for each teacher. The recommendation was made for the nurse to write a grant to purchase supplies. Mr. Charbonnet noted that there are sufficient supplies for clinic use, just not supplies to be distributed to the classroom teachers.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget.

One budget item was to award the Math Department's request for funds to secure an Alachua County Foundations School Grant of \$1000. The Math Department needed to receive 25% in matching funds; the SAC awarded 50% or \$500 to the Math Department in order to secure the Alachua County Foundations School Grant of \$1000.

Mr. Charbonnet made some announcements: National Merit Scholars (semi-finalist, achievement and Hispanic); *RENT* is the drama production for this fall. Coral Antony requested a digital copy of the poster.

Mr. Griffis is the vice-chairman of Citizens for Strong Schools and he spoke on behalf of the 1 mil initiative that will appear near the end of the November ballot.

Meeting was adjourned.