



School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes August 26, 2024, 5:15 pm

Principal Gary Weeden
Christy Flanagan-Feddon, Chair
Tania Molina Filak, Co-Chair
Andrea Bracco, Secretary
Elizabeth Worley, Treasurer

Attendance:

Members: Christy Flanagan-Feddon, Tania Filak, Natalie Cushnir, Aimee Stikna, Greg Filak, Nassar Aboulela, Danielle Daku, Thomas Bracco, Andrea Baker, Hali Stewart, Elizabeth Worley, Tracey Perrault

Attendees: Fernanda Bigucci, Natalia Kirchner, Shelley Juskevicius, Kimberly Doepke, Joyce Ramirez, Joselind Hartman, Jennifer Carlson, Kerensa Harrell, Wendy Schaal and JoAnn Tennant

Members not in attendance: Andrea Bracco (out sick) and Rebecca Hamilton (out due to surgery)

1) Welcome and Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Christy Flanagan-Feddon at 5:19pm. Christy introduced herself and has an 8th grader and 4th grader attending CK-8, Tania Filak introduced herself and has a 7th and 4th grader attending CK-8, Andrea Bracco was out sick but was introduced by Christy, Elizabeth Worley introduced herself and has a 5th and 2nd grader attending CK-8.

2) Review of SAC PowerPoint, Roberts Rules, & Sunshine Law -

Christy reviewed the SAC Power Point, Robert Rules of Order and the Sunshine Law

3) Safety Report

Since Deputy Plaza was not in attendance, Principal Weeden reported. House Bill 1473 mandates that every external door is to be locked at all times on campus. This is posing challenges for the students and staff. Anytime a student is on property they are in the

schools care. Staff is working to be out at Middle School transitions to make sure the outside doors are open to the students and are locked once classes begin. The front office has been retrofitted to have 2 levels of security. The call button has been installed outside the main office door but is currently not working and will be fixed soon. Andrea Baker asked if there was an ETA for the hardware to be installed in the main office. Principal Weeden did not have an update. Tania Filak asked about outside groups using restrooms in the gym area with this new security measure and Principal Weeden replied that a Staff member will need to accompany them for safety. Pastor Paul is considered Staff because he substitutes for the school. Aimee Stikna asked if there was any e-mail communication to notify parents that they would not be allowed to be in the gate to watch the Middle School Soccer Tryouts and Principal Weeden replied there was not. Nasser Aboulela asked if this would pose a safety issue in an emergency situation, Principal Weeden said it shouldn't.

4) Principal's Report - Principal Weeden

Principal Weeden introduced Vice Principal Joyce Ramirez and announced that for the 19th year Celebration K-8 was recognized as an "A" school. This year Middle School Pride periods and Elementary iii time will be moved to the end of the day to make time for Middle School students to start to work on homework and Elementary allowing more time for students to get the extra resources they need. Based on PM3 Fast Testing 3rd grade had a growth of 66% in ELA vs. the 60% of the District and 55% of the State. The lowest 25% of those students had a growth of 57% vs. the 54% of the District and 54% of the State. We had the highest % for Acceleration with 92% which was the highest in the district. ESE (Exceptional Student Education) needed to get to 41% to get funding from the state and we were 1 of 3 schools to get above 41% in the district. This year teachers will be focusing on the essential standards and collaboration for students to excel and achieve success. Monthly communication has now been moved to weekly communication. It's currently a work in progress and will have reminders of attendance and Fortify Florida. We are trying to increase our social media presence to get more of the community involved and informed. Stacey Couch will be the Social Media and school website contact. Fast testing had to be pushed back a week due to lack of working computers and glitches. Testing will begin next week with Fast for 3-8th grade and Star for K-2nd. We are fully staffed and have a super strong team this year. Our Vision/Mission Statement is to be a top performing school in the state. Currently we are a PBIS Model School and are hoping to become a PBIS Platinum Model School. Thursday, September 19th from 5:30pm-8:00pm Celebration K-8 will host Open House where teachers will send signups to come in and meet the teachers. This is for parents only and no students if possible. Middle School parents will meet with their students teacher for 10-12 minutes and Elementary parents will spend approximately 20 minutes with their students teachers. October 14-21st will be Parent/Teacher Conferences which falls right at report card time. Aimee Stikna asked if Open House was a new event for the district and Principal Weeden replied that it's new this year but has been done in years past.

5) Treasurer's Report - Elizabeth Worley

Michelle the bookkeeper did not have an updated SAC budget but she said we spent a total of \$8,293.06 on agendas for this year. We have \$12,731.93 in the large account and \$54.52 in the small account. These numbers do not reflect the purchased agendas. The large account will potentially have an updated amount of \$4,438.87 if the agendas were taken out from the amount above.

6) Attendance and Determination of Quorum –

Christy reviewed attendance and determined we had quorum.

7) Reading/Adoption of Minutes –

Christy asked for a motion to approve the adoption of minutes from the 1st meeting in May: Greg Filak made the motion and Thomas Bracco 2nd it. Motion carried unopposed. Christy asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the 2nd meeting in May with the amendment to change that the meeting began at 6:03pm: Tracey Perrault made the motion and Greg Filak 2nd it. Motion carried unopposed.

8) Reading/Adoption of SAC Bylaws –

Christy asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the SAC Bylaws: Mrs. Natalie Cushnir made the motion and Greg Filak 2nd it. Motion carried unopposed.

9) New Members –

Christy announced that we have 14 returning SAC Members and as long as all 14 returning members are returning that leaves 6 spots open for new members, according to our bylaws we are capped at 20 members. She asked if anyone in attendance would like to become a member and introduce themselves. JoAnn Tennant, Jennifer Carlson, Joselind Hartman, Shelley Juskevicius, Fernanda Bigucci and Natalia Kirchner introduced themselves as interested in becoming SAC members. Since there were only 6 attendees that were interested in becoming members Christy asked for a motion to approve the 6 interested attendees. Greg Filak made the motion and Thomas Bracco 2nd it. Motioned carried unopposed.

11) Open Forum

Jennifer Carlson asked if SAC meetings would be held on a certain day every month. Christy replied that SAC will meet on the 4th Monday of every month with the exception of holidays and school closures.

Nasser Aboulela shared an incident that happened on Mulberry where a black car was speeding and ran over cones, parents took photos and the driver of the car was frustrated with the crossing guard and spoke to Deputy Plaza and informed him that he was a police officer in Spain and didn't understand the traffic pattern.

Andrea Baker asked if it was possible to close Mulberry as an option during pick-up or have an officer/deputy or responsible party out there permanently. It was noted that it's a public street and we would have to go to the County or pay for an off duty officer.

Elizabeth Worley asked about Deputy Plaza's area of jurisdiction, Principal Weeden said his jurisdiction is the campus itself and can't pull him away to put him on Mulberry.

Greg Filak asked if Principal Weeden had contacted our local police department about looking into getting high speed cameras with automatic ticketing installed as a state law passed 8 months ago and other school districts were getting them. Principal Weeden said he would look into it with Deputy Plaza.

12) Next Meeting Confirmation

Christy announced that our next SAC meeting will be on September 23, 2024 and the rest of the meetings will be as follows:

September 23, 2024
October 28, 2024
November 18, 2024
December 16, 2024
January 27, 2025
February 24, 2025
March 31, 2025
April 21, 2025
May 19, 2025

13) Adjournment

Christy asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. Tania Filak made a motion to adjourn and Nasser Aboulela 2nd it. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Submitted by:

Christy Flanagan-Feddon, Ph.D.

Chairperson

Approval Date: