

# St. Lucie Public Schools School Advisory Council Minutes

School: TREASURE COAST HIGH SCHOOL

Date: <u>10/21/14</u> Time: <u>5:34 – 6:35pm</u>

Welcome/Introductions/Attendance - Myrna Belgraves Review/Approve Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Belgraves called the meeting to order at 5:34pm. She then asked everyone present to review September's minutes and asked for approval. Mrs. Fitzpatrick motioned to approve and Mrs. Bodnar second the motion. All were in favor.

## Administrative Update / Guidance Update – Denise Rodriguez

Denise Rodriguez shared that herself and Todd Smith- Ft. Pierce Central High Principal was chosen to participate in a leadership academy. They spent two days in Orlando, along with other Principals from across the State of Florida. There will be two more workshops, one in January and the second in June. Between these sessions, a cohort of the Principals will visit TCHS.

FCAT Retakes were taken along with Algebra 1 retakes. 84 students took the test, 14% passed extensive remediation will be provided to students who did not. PERT Assessment was also given, students can use a passing score towards graduation. Spirit Week is this week. Cultural Day, Wacky Tacky Day, College Shirt Day, Throwback Thursday and Ultimate Spirit Day.

The George Tech basketball girls came to TCHS last week to help our athletes with their skills.

Homecoming this Saturday from 7-11pm.

#### Keiser University Dual Enrollment – Linda Fitzpatrick & Ron Lewis

Keiser University is a level 6 regionally accredited school. It is another option to pursue a college degree as well as a career. The students can take one class at a time for four weeks. The biggest difference is that it is private. It is a non- profit organization and is approved for dual enrollment. Credits will transfer seamlessly as they utilize the same numbering system as the state college and other Universities in Florida. Keiser has general education courses. Fall & Spring classes are from 6-10pm three days a week. Summertime classes are during the day. Keiser is currently working on grants to offer more scholarships to students.

Ron Lewis is in charge of the counseling department and collaborates with high school counselors to ensure a good fit for students. The students need a GPA of 3.0 and there is an entrance exam.

Valerie Martin asked if they work with counselors in TCHS. They work with the counselors on Keiser Campus. Marie Spranza asked if the students can have classes at IRSC & Kesier. Yes they can. General education classes offered for now. Keeping it small.

# **Project Graduation – Lori Denig**

Running a little behind schedule. Looking into having a 5K Run called The Grad Dash- like a color run. Need sponsors & input. Lori asked the group to provide guidance on a good time of year to hold the "Grad Dash". It was a consensus that end of January or beginning of February when it was still cool would be best. Each school has to have their own volunteers/contact person. They will have to fundraise. More detailed information next month.

Very pleased with the efforts of the core team who pulled off the first Grad Bash at TCHS last year, it was very successful! Although, there were questions on the groups ability to raise the money needed and secure the volunteers. The group was able to raise all the money, in fact \$31.19 remained.

Looking for volunteers this year, if you are interested and would like to participate on a committee see Lori D.

# MTSS Update - Eric Evans & Nicki Kopani

SLC Clerks will monitor students, specifically at risk students. Next Thursday there will be a meeting to go over the agenda with Robert O'Neil. Guidance counselors organizing colleges to come in. About 5 or 6 more to come visit. 11th and 12th graders must sign up to visit the college representatives and must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

# **Activities Update: Eric Evans**

Junior credit checks 11-1 - 11-10. Usually through English class. Counselors will meet with each Junior.

11-5 College Fair at the Civic Center.

11-6 ASVAB Test - 150 students career investigation as well as entrance to the military 7:30-10:30.

Friday is our in school pep rally 12:30pm and game is at 7:00pm

Saturday- Homecoming 7:00-11:00pm

10-22 Senior pinning

10-30 Mrs. Applebee is having a blood drive

11-10 No School

11-11 Veteran's Day- No School

11-21 Senior breakfast

## District Advisory Council (DAC) Update: Michael Bernard

Michael Bernard- There was a power point to discuss public schools and teachers goals. How to make schools better and what the school district is trying to accomplish. Mr. O' Leary was present and mentioned the following initiatives:

- Working on Skyward additional improvements.
- Facebook page with information and updates.
- Looking into Wifi on school buses and GPS.
- Working on a you tube channel for district.
- Text messages to be sent out to parents.

Very interesting, how they are trying to incorporate technology into everything and try to reach parents on every level. Focus on bring up D & F schools to raise their grades by training teachers and figuring out why they are not doing well.

Bernadette Bodnar- In TC Palm four times a year they are going to publish a newsletter to represent our school district.

Eric Evans- Students will always have something new to get into and we as parents have to play catch up. Trying to keep up with technology can be challenging.

## **BLPT Update – Tabled indefinitely**

Our meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm and our next meeting will be November 18, 2014.

Present: Bernadette Bodnar, Chalonda Parham, Denise Rodriguez, Linda Fitzpatrick, Lori Applebee, Lori Denig, Michael Bernard, Myrna Belgraves, Scott Nurse, Susan Williams, Valerie Martin, Denise Peschio, Nina Paulsen, Rosa Rios, Ron Lewis, Karla Rios, Alana Rios, Marie Spranza, Isabel Tapanes, Regina Tapanes.