

St. Lucie Public Schools

School Advisory Council Minutes

School: TREASURE COAST HIGH SCHOOL

Date: 12/15/15 Time: 5:42 - 7:00

Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – April Sherwood

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes

- April Sherwood called the meeting to order at 5:42pm. She asked everyone present to review November's minutes and asked for approval. Diane White motioned to approve and Michael Bernard seconded the motion. All were in favor!
- April Sherwood gave a quick reminder that SAC members need to commit every month with 80% attendance rate for participation.

After school Science Camp—Jennifer Abbott and Erin Squires

- Erin Squires and Jenn Abbott who are 9th grade science teachers presented a proposal for a Science Camp for grades 9th – 12th. It would accommodate approximately 20 – 40 students.
- 2013-2014 69% students were at or above grade level for science
- 2014-2015 63% students were at or above grade level for science
- Description:
 - The students will participate in Citizen Science.
 - Conduct ecological surveys and research on campus
 - Research science topics covered in class
 - Learn study skills that will work for them and allow for independent learning
 - Explore current events related to biology and environmental science issues
- Objective:
 - Enrich science learning
 - Expose students to authentic experiences
 - Prepare students for science exams
 - Enhance the students' understanding of the nature of science
 - Activities align with Biology and Environmental standards
 - The estimated cost for three teachers, 116 hours would be \$4,864.00.
- Impact:
 - 9th graders practice science skills necessary for the Biology EOC
 - 11th and 12th graders who failed can remediate the gaps in their knowledge
 - Science Camps' goal is to reduce the number of students failing the Biology EOC
- The teachers would be able to pinpoint weaknesses. We will tailor activities to students and experience science in the real. It would be relaxed and hands on.
- Lewis Coriolan asked if chemistry could be added in to help the students. Jenn Abbott said that we can bring chemistry into it.
- Susan Seal- The idea started with ESE students to help them with words and make that connection.
- Jenn Abbott- We want the students to experience science and make it more fun for them.
- This would start in February to April. We have a total of \$7,175.50 in SAC as of right now. April Sherwood asked for a motion to approve. Michael Bernard motioned to approve and Regina Tápanes seconded the motion. All were in favor!

Principal's Report – Susan Seal

- This month is short. Project Graduation
- 184 students have not passed the reading FCAT which is down to 145. 112 students have not passed the math which is down to 95. We looked at the 12th grade students and we asked them if they wanted to take the test again. Some of them did want to take the test again. Math and reading moved on. We will continue to move on. Boot camp will help find ways to pass the test. It will begin in January. More updates to follow.

MTSS (RTI) – Nicki Kopani

- No updates this month because of semester exams. Team leaders involved to recognize students who are struggling.

Budget Review/Updates – Susan Seal

- No updates.

Guidance Update – Ryan Hendrickson

- Diane White 9th and 10th going into classrooms. Naviance log in. District tasks for 9th conclude this Thursday. November 12th was the first meeting then they will be meeting every Thursday. 9th – 12th group. Planned for the future to reach success and daily struggles. I am interested to see the dynamics. We have lost a few students and we have gained a few.
- Diane White- Naviance is done for the 11th and 12th grade students. We will start the 2nd round of credit checks for seniors. We are fortunate to have the time now to complete these credit checks. Very busy right now which is good.

Open Forum

- Ryan Hendrickson asked the students present how they felt about school this year.
- Ryan Hendrickson is looking to request \$1200.00 from SAC for 51 students to attend the Edward Walter's College in Jacksonville. The money would cover busing, lunch, tour of the school and gas.

Activities Update – Eric Evans & Lisa Davenport

- There were over 200 band students that played over 2 hours at the Prism Concert. The students had an awesome time. Seeing this is so memorable for them. They only had 2 months to learn and perfect the music.
- January:
 - 4th teachers return
 - 5th students return, freshman student focus groups
 - 14th blood drive
 - 18th MLK parade
 - 19th SAC meeting
 - 23rd SAT/PERT/Dual Enrollment testing
 - 29th senior panoramic
- PBIS- Movie night January 29th for 11th and 12th grade students. February 19th for 9th and 10th grade students.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Update – Michael Bernard

- We will get the test results from the last year at the same time when we get them this year. Terrence O'Leary gave a presentation which was fabulous. Beta test going on now. Westwood students have laptops. They will be fixed as needed. This was funded by grants. The students no longer have an excuse for not doing homework. Interactive learning is phenomenal. Now the students don't have to carry text books which weigh an awful lot. Coming down the road in the next 5 to 10 years is impressive.

April Sherwood thanked everyone for bringing in an item for our party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting will be January 19th.

In Attendance:

Nikki Poole, Nicki Kopani, Erin Squires, Jennifer Abbott, Marie Spranza, Scott Nurse, Susan Seal, Ryan Hendrickson, Diane White, Grace Louis Pierre, Isabel Tápanes, Regina Tápanes, April Sherwood, Eric Evans, Michael Bernard, Lewis Coriolan