

# Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

SAC Minutes - 10/25/2022.

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## Attendance:

List members and attendees.

## Call to Order:

A meeting of the Margate Middle School School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 10/25/2022. Chair Ambar Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Stephanie Williams will record minutes for this meeting.

## Minutes:

Mrs. Torres motions to approve the minutes of 10/4/2022. Motion outcome. Note: nothing is ever erased from the minutes. Corrections are made in the margin and initialed. If wording is to be expunged, a line is drawn through the words that are to be expunged. Crossed out words should still be readable. When minutes are approved, the word approved and the secretary's initials and date of the approval are written next to the signature of the secretary OR a line can be provided at the bottom of the page that says "approval date". To correct minutes previously approved require a 2/3 vote ([Roberts Rules](#)). Minutes should be written "promptly" and distributed public as per Sunshine Law requirements.

**High School Visit:** Coconut Creek High School- Ms. Ridinger, Magnet Coordinator -Talk about the importance of the seventh-grade FAST scores if any student is thinking about going to applying to a magnet High School. They will come to talk to our eighth-grade school about programs that are available to them. Talk about the Cambridge and LPN program.

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## School Advisory Council, SAC Composition Voting - Ms. Fernandez, SAC Chair

1. We must have representatives to have input in our school activities. We have to vote in Ms. Clingerman as the gifted parent. Ms. Clingerman was voted in with 18 votes.

## Verizon Innovative Learning, VILS- Mr. Bass, VILS Coach

1. Mr. Bass taught us about digital citizenship. He told the parents that all the students need to take the course to receive their iPads. Mr. Bass demonstrated how to get on to the Digital Citizenship Course. He went over the modules in the course. Mr. Bass asks the parents to sit down and talk about the lessons that their students are doing. Mr. Bass also talked about the See Something, Say Something. Parents told the parents what to do if the student's device is damaged.

## Title 1 Updates- Ms. Priest, Title 1 Liaison & Magnet Coordinator

1. Ms. Priest talked about the magnet expo that will take place at South Plantation on November 3, 2022. She asked the parents to sign up using the QR code to participate in the parent survey.

## **Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips, Principal**

1. Mrs. Phillips went over the Spartan honor code. The points will be published so the kids know where they are with the points. The district is starting Saturday camp. They will focus on the eighth grade, fifth grade, and 11 grade. It will start in late November or early December. Transportation will be provided. The district is using the remaining ESSER funds to pay for this initiative. Six and seventh-grade camps will start in February. Ms. Phillips explained that we want to start with block scheduling next year. Block scheduling will give students more time to work in class. Another advantage of block scheduling is that students can have more electives. The floor was open for parents to ask questions. A parent asks if a student who is not struggling would they have the opportunity to get extra help if needed. The answer was they would be in a study hall class. Ms. Phillips explain this is the first part of the process that she brought the plan to the parents first and then send teachers on field trips to talk to their peers at middle schools that have block schedules. Parents were asked to vote to explore the concept of block schedule. There were 21 votes to explore the concept of block schedule. Mrs. Phillips stated she would have more information at the November 29, 2022 meeting.

## **School Safety- Mr. Daniel, Assistant Principal**

1. Mr. Daniel stated last week he went to Monarch to a safety meeting. We went to the school board website and Mr. Daniel demonstrated how to get to reporting site. Go to the See something, say something app and he told them how to report a problem. Parents were told that students should report an issue on campus on to an adult to adults on campus. We have a new security campus monitor. We will continue to have our monthly safety drills. Mrs. Phillips will send a phone link to let the parents know what is happening.

## **School Activities- Ms. Torres, Assistant Principal**

1. Mrs. Torres told the parent to go to the calendar to see the event we are having. Every Sunday Mrs. Phillips sends out a parent link with events for the week. We are in full swing for the basketball season. JA field trips are coming up on Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Mrs. Torres explained the reasonings for the JA trip. On November 15 we are having our Success Night. Mrs. Phillips explained that Broward College was also coming to our school. We are asking for support from the PTSA because they help Margate Middle do things for our students. Boo grams are on sale. Mrs. Torres talked about iZone Updates and policies that are going to be explored at the next advisory meeting. Mrs. Torres told parents to take a packet that will be discussed at the meeting. The SAF meeting is to make sure the parents are being represented. Mr. Grant is our SAF representative for Margate Middle. Parents were encouraged to let Mr. Grant know if they have any questions. He works closely with Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Phillips encouraged the parents to explore policy 6000.1. Mrs. Torres explain to parents that they can look up all policies on the Broward School's website.  
Ms. Foster & Ms. Robertson, Department Heads
1. ELA department went over Intro Literature, READ 180 & System 44. They took a look at the data. 52% percent of our students are not proficient in literacy Margate Middle will move the students to 60%. Mrs. Robinson went over HMH's growth measure. System 44 is the foundation of reading and Read 180 is the next step up from System 44. How will we address the needs of all students? There will be morning lab, Afterschool camps, in-school pull-outs, Saturday, Skill Attack@ Margate Middle, ESSER support, Spartans Taking over the Middle School, Novel Studies Critical Thinking with Coach Support, and SEL- Getting involved in Mentoring Night. SEL Night will take place on November 3, 2022 to talk to the parents. The recourses we have Newsela, Vocabulary. com., Nearpod, HMH resources, System 44 & Read 180 software & resources. By 2024, we will have 100% proficiency by 2024.

**Special Presentation: National Junior Honor Society- Ms. Bynes & Ms. Tillet, Club Advisor**

1. Cameron is our president and she explained what NJHS. Willow the secretary explained the goals of the club. Dominic explained the purpose. Donny the parliamentarian explained the requirements to become an NJHS. Nariana the historian explained the officer's positions.

**Reports:**

1. Report Name

**Open Agenda**

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on November 29, 2022 at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Ms. Priest to adjourn the meeting at 7:32. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder,

Name of Position on Board

Approval Date:

