

# Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

SAC Minutes - 10/04/2022.

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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 10/04/2022. Chair Orville Reynolds (Subbing for Fernandez) called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.. Stephanie Williams will record minutes for this meeting.

## Minutes:

Ms. Priest motioned to approve the minutes of August 27, 2022, with no corrections (detail the corrections). Motion outcome.

## Kid of Character

1. Trait of the Month: Cooperation
2. Certificates were given to the students.

## SAC Bylaws & Composition Voting - Mr. Reynolds (Filled in for Ms. Fernandez)

1. Mr. Reynolds read the SAC Bylaws and open the floor for questions. No questions were asked.
2. Mr. Reynolds read the SAC Composition and introduced the parent representatives for the School Advisory Forum (SAF)- Mr. Grant and the ESE Representative- Dr. Aimes. Mr. Reynolds stated that there is still a need for ESOL and Gifted Parent representatives. Ms. Phillips explained the purpose of each position. The floor was open for questions. A parent asked what the requirement for the gifted representative because she would like to participate as the gifted parent. Her name was Kholie Klingsman.

## School Improvement Plan Goals- Mr. Reynolds (Filled in for Ms. Fernandez)

1. Mr. Reynolds read Goal one of the School Improvement Plan. The floor was opened for questions. No questions were asked.
2. Mr. Reynolds read Goal 2 of the School Improvement Plan Goals. Mrs. Phillips explained the reason why the lowest 25% were chosen in Goal two. She explained the students in the lowest 25% quartile will have pullouts and pull-ins to help close their learning gaps. Mr. Reynolds opened the floor for questions. A parent asked for an explanation of pullouts and pull-ins. Mr. Phillips explained the procedures to the parent.
3. Goal three was read by Mr. Reynolds and explained by Mrs. Phillips. The goal included increases in proficiency in all core subject areas. Ms. Priest stated that proficiency was level three or higher. The floor was open for questions. No questions were asked.

## Verizon Innovative Learning, VILS- Mr. Bass

1. Mr. Bass could not attend the meeting, Mrs. Phillips gave the updates.

## Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips

1. Mrs. Phillips explained that there were major adjustments to the master schedule because there was a reduction in her budget. She explained she had to dissolve teaching positions so there were school-wide schedule changes. A parent asked about the Spanish 1 elective. Mrs. Coke explained how the

track for the Spanish 1 class was available for seventh-grade students during their elective time. Mrs. Phillips apologized for any inconvenience that it has caused the students or the parents.

2. Mrs. Phillips made the parents aware of a new trend that students are doing called SWATting. She explained that SWATting is where students are calling schools making false claims that there is going to be a shooting or a gun on campus. She also explained that she must lock down the school until each threat is investigated and a parent link is sent out after each lockdown. Mrs. Phillips also explained that students who are caught SWATting will have serious consequences and that students were made aware of the seriousness of SWATting by viewing two video tape messages by Broward County judges on the subject matter of SWATting.
3. Mrs. Phillips also informed parents about upcoming Parent Universities that were to be given by Broward County Public Schools.
4. Parents were also informed about Margate STEM Magnet Middle's upcoming College Week presentation on November 15, 2022.
5. Parents were also notified about the Title One survey that will be placed on the school's website and asked all the parents to participate. Mrs. Phillips also told the parents that there are some great workshops given by the Title One department.

#### **School Safety- Mr. Daniel**

1. Mr. Daniels gave a report on the random safety checks performed by the district. He explained that there was a safety check on Monday, October 3, 2022. Mrs. Phillips sent a parent link to inform the parents about the safety check. Mr. Daniels stated that there will continue to be monthly drills and there will be a parent link after each drill.
2. Mr. Daniel explained we need additional resources for Math and Science. He explained that Margate Middle would like to purchase Generation Genius to help with Math and Science and that the resource was aligned with the Florida Standards. Mr. Daniels explained that we could purchase the resource with SAC money. The resource is 1,795 for the school year. There was a vote taken on the purchase of Generation Genius. Ms. Farquharson motion for the vote and Dr. Aimes second the motion for the vote. A vote was taken and 18 agreed to purchase the Generation Genius for 1795 dollars.

#### **School Activities- Ms. Torres**

1. Mrs. Torres gave a report on the recent Loop Scoop activities and passed out flyers from the event . She also explained how we want to facilitate our extracurricular activities. Mrs. Torres encouraged parents to get their students involved in the afterschool activities which include sports and clubs and how it supports the students socially and emotionally. Mrs. Phillips stated that all clubs and sports meeting days are posted on the school's website.

#### **Special Presentation: Math Department**

1. Mrs. Bennett gave a presentation on how parents can support their students in the subject area of Math. Parents were introduced to Savvas Easy Bridge. Savvas Easy Bridge will help the student and parent access the online book for each grade level of Math. Parents were also informed about Success Maker to help students gain extra practice in Math.

#### **Special Presentation: Florida Future Educators of America- Ms. Bynes & Ms. Tillet, Club Advisor**

1. Ms. Bynes introduced the members of Florida Future Educators of America. The students explained the purpose of the club and the advantages of belonging to the organization.
2. The students also explained the requirements to become a member and the jobs of each officer.
3. There was also an explanation of the Best Buddies which is an extension of the Florida Future Educators of America.

#### **Reports:**

1. Report Name

**Open Agenda**

Helpful Hint: Public must have an opportunity to participate and the SAC may allow public participation throughout the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2022, in the Media Center

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Ms. Priest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57. Second Ms. Torres. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,  
Stephanie Williams,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: 10/25/2022

