

# Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

SAC Minutes - 11/29/2022.

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## Attendance:

Phillips, Anders, Fernandez, Span, Galvez, Aime, Radcliff, Knowlin

## Call to Order:

A meeting of the Margate Middle School School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 11/28/2022. Chair Ambar Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Stephanie Williams will record minutes for this meeting.

## Minutes:

Dr. Aime motions to approve the minutes of 10/25/2022.

## Kid of Character

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

## School Safety Plan 2022-2023 - Ms. Fernandez, SAC Chair

1. Plain Language is used to establish a common language between school, district, and community.
2. Hold is used to prevent any movement in the hallways to resolve any non-emergency situation.
3. Secure is used when there is danger off campus.
4. Lockdown is used for any breached by an active intruder.
5. Evacuate is used when a threat such as a bomb, gas leak, AC failure, power outage, ect occurs.
6. Shelter is used during a tornado, hazmat, earthquake, and tsunami.
7. Evacuation Plan
  - a. Safe Team members and responsibilities
  - b. Location and two off-campus locations

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

1. Mrs. Phillips shared the updates
2. Margate Middle Magnet Open House is on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Flyers have been sent to all feeder schools.
4. Mrs. Phillips will make another announcement at the Zone Principal Meeting.
5. Parent Links have been sent out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents through their school.
6. School Choice opens December 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
7. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encourage to attend high schools open house before making a choice.
8. Elementary school visits will be conducted during January.

## Principal Updates/Block Schedule 2023-2024- Ms. Phillips, Principal

1. School Recognition Fund: \$23, 087.47
2. Generation Genius was not approved by the board because there is not a lot of schools interested in the program.
3. Students will be engaged in different activities next week for Inclusion Week (December 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>).
4. Boys Basketball Playoffs starts tomorrow.
  - a. \$3 entrance fee
5. Volleyball Try-out are this week (3 days)
6. The Holiday Store opens in two weeks.
  - a. The Holiday Store was a result of Mrs. Phillips' Student Advisory Rep meetings.
    - Students meet once a month with Mrs. Phillips to provide input/suggestions for activities and events.

7. Band Holiday Performance is coming up
  - a. \$5 entrance fee
  - b. Monies will be used to purchase drums for a drum line
8. Vocabulary.com
  - a. Students should be mastering words
  - b. Studies show that students improved in their state assessments.
9. Next Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Zone Holiday Performances
  - a. 9 schools participating
  - b. Margate's band will be performing
10. Before School Lab begins tomorrow.
  - a. Help students with academics and homework.
  - b. Wednesday & Thursday 8:00-8:45 AM
  - c. Register your child using the link found on the school website
11. Block Schedule was approved to explore by teachers with a 77%.
  - a. Students will take 8 classes
    - 4 on "Blue" days
    - 4 on "Gold" days
  - b. Students who are having difficulties in reading and math will be participating in math and reading every day.
  - c. Student asked: "Have teachers decided on it?"
    - Mrs. Phillips response "Not yet".

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

1. Yesterday, Monday 11/28/22, was the second time Margate Middle was chosen to be wonded.
  - a. Procedures were shared with parents
    - Schools are chosen at random
    - Classrooms are chosen at random
    - District security will go into classrooms and follow a script.
    - Students are asked to empty their pockets.
    - Students go outside to get wand.
    - Teachers and administer stay in the room
2. Parent asked: "Do they have the right to check bags even if parents are not present?"
  - a. Mrs. Phillips responded "Yes, we have signs posted all over the school that states bookbags can be search at any time."
3. Parent asked: "Can students bring scissors?"
  - a. Mrs. Phillips responded "Yes."
4. Medicine such as Tylenol, Advil, ect are not allowed to be in your child's backpack.
  - a. It will be confiscated, and a phone call will be made home
5. Over the counter medicine are not allowed to be in your child's backpack.
  - a. Consequences will be given, and a call will be made home
6. If your child needs to take any medicine, there is a form that needs to be completed and given to the school nurse.

#### **Special Presentation: Science Department- Ms. Harrison, Department Head**

1. Nature of Science is an area where students struggle in.
  - a. Nature of Science standards are embedded in all grade levels (6<sup>th</sup> , 7<sup>th</sup> , & 8<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - b. Teachers use Vocabulary.com for student to practice their vocabulary words.
  - c. On Tuesdays, science teachers meet to discuss data, plan, and share ideas.
  - d. Students participate in a Common Assessment after every chapter.
  - e. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students in GEARS will participated in the Florida Science Standard assessment.

#### **Special Presentation: Student Government- Ms. Cools, Club Advisor**

1. Donny and Dominic presented on the Student Government
  - a. Shared accomplishments (Harvest drive, dances, snack sells)
  - b. Goal of Student Government
  - c. Students who hold a position.

**Open Agenda**

1. Mrs. Fernandez asked if any parents had any questions, suggestions, or comments before adjourning the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Mrs. Torres motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM . Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder,

Name of Position on Board

Approval Date:

