

# McArthur High School

SAC Minutes – December 6, 2021

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## Attendance:

Amira Britton

Alfred L. Broomfield

Neal J. Cain

Gerald L. Armbrister

Peta-Gaye Bisset

Charlie Bush

Neal Cain

Vincent Newman

Claudia Gallardo

Maureen Durand

Elijah Crawford

Johanna Jiron-Russo

Ynonnette Calixte

Vincent Newman

Nadine Smith

Juana Jimenez

Brittany Goldsby

Brittney Meinsen

Juana Jimenez Reyes

Riley Futes

Lucresha Childs

Yvonne Clark

Jennifer Mendoza

Guillermina Jimenez

Heather Smith

Kelvin Laurore

Call to Order: A meeting of the McArthur High School School Advisory Council was held in the Professional Development Room and on Microsoft Teams. Amira Britton called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM. Gerald Armbrister will record the minutes for this meeting.

1. The meeting opened with Ms. De La Cruz reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Attendance was collected on paper and Teams.
3. Ms. Britton stated the SAC goals.
4. The November minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Smith noted the Literacy Report was missing. Del La Cruz moved that the minutes be approved. Smith seconded the motion. The assembly voted in the affirmative.
5. Mr. Broomfield explained the current status of the SAC funding as having \$26,255.
6. A proposal for the Hero system was made. De La Cruz moved that the proposal be approved. Calixte seconded. The assembly voted in the affirmative.
7. Alfred Broomfield gave the Principal Report:
  - A. Thanked participants for involvement in accreditation process.
  - B. 3DE explained and will begin next year.
  - C. IDs are required for all students
  - D. Parents were asked to return students' computers.
9. Department Reports

#### **ELA - English & Reading Report:**

**The department is winding down and preparing for Midterms and the writing CFA. We are happy to report that we had quite a few student retakers to get a passing grade on the FSA ELA retake exam. We are very proud of our scholars. As always, the English department is asking that you encourage your scholar to Read, Read and Read!**

**-Ms. Cumberland**

#### **Literacy**

The Literacy Department is currently working on our cycle three (LAFS) standards which are R.I.1.2 (central idea; details), R.I.2.4 (contextual vocabulary) and R.L.2.4 (contextual vocabulary) in our ELA classes. In our Intensive Reading classes, we're are working on the BEST standards:

**November** Author's POV and Purpose  
(Narrative and Informational Text)

Explain the influence of narrators, analyze or evaluate the development of character perspectives. Informational text: explain analyze or evaluate how an author achieves purpose

ELA R.1.3 Expository Writing:  
ELA R.2.3

(LAFS.910. Write an expository text to  
RL/RL.2.6) explain or analyze information

ELA C.1.4

(LAFS.910.  
W.1.2)

Every Wednesday is “Tickled Pink About Reading.” On this day we encourage students to wear pink as a motivation for literacy enjoyment and to take some time to read something great.

This month we will begin our Writer’s Café. This is a three-part writing workshop facilitated by the Literacy Coach to reinforce formal writing skills for students and an opportunity to model proven effective instructional strategies with teachers.

**Every 3rd Wednesday of the month MCA Literacy and MCA Testing will be coordinating to bring you MCA Family Literacy Night where we will share great reading and writing tips for parents to support their scholars at home. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 11/17/21 at 6:00pm via Microsoft Teams. Parent link calls and emails will go out with the link to the meeting. It can also be found on the school website.**

**Finally, in the months of November and December, our world languages and performing arts electives will be supporting literacy through vocabulary mnemonics techniques and humorous cartoons that introduce proven mnemonic memory techniques into the vocabulary learning experience.**

**Cambridge-AICE Program:**

**All AICE students will be taking mid-terms (no exemptions).**

**We are preparing to register students for Cambridge Exams for the spring. We are ordering T-Shirts (free) for students who have passed 3+ Cambridge AICE**

**courses. Re-take scores from the Nov 2021 Series will come out on January 10, 2022.**

**We are finalizing AICE Courses to be offered in the 2022-2023 school year.**

**-Ms. Williams**

**Social Studies:**

**The US History is pacing through the curriculum in preparation for the EOC. World History is prepping for midterms. Happy Holidays everyone!**

**-Mr. Roopchand**

**Math Department**

Reported by Ms. Meinsen.

**Cambridge-AICE Program**

The AICE department doesn't really have anything new. We have just about completed the Fall Exam cycle and will not test again until Spring. We did have the AICE assembly in which we gave out our 21 AICE diploma certificates and announced that we have 44 students who are eligible THIS year to earn an AICE diploma but that's about it as far as AICE is concerned.

**Science**

Biology is currently working on Unit 3 Plant Structure/Functions and Cellular Processes.

**Fine Arts:**

**Band, Chorus, and Drama are all preparing for performances for the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come out Wednesday evening at 7:00 to the Chorus Winter Concert to open the holiday season! The concert is free to all staff and \$7.00 online at the door.**

**-Mr. Armbrister**

**Physical Education Report:**

**The Physical Education department is selling Phys Ed uniforms for \$20. Uniforms are a requirement for the class. The teachers are also still promoting daily physical activity and supporting ELA through weekly SAT Vocabulary words. Lastly, the Phys Ed department will be hosting the Battle of the Fittest Teacher/Student Duo Competition on Dec 9, 2021, at 3pm. -Mrs. De La Cruz**

CTE:

Yearbook Ms. Sweeting

Yearbook will be publishing their first online newspaper for the holiday season this month.

Horticulture: Mr. Newman

Horticulture has set up their latest Aquaponics system from UF / USDA (grant). It is operational. They are in process getting fish and plants for the system. They are also in process of upgrading the Botanical garden.

JROTC: Maj Samusson:

JROTC conducted a blood drive on Dec.3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be hosting another on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

TV / Media Production:

To receive a grant \$15000.00 from Beacon for audio visual equipment.

10. Testing Report

Algebra I and Geometry retake will take place in December.

11. Ms. Britton read the process of the School Improvement Plan.

12. Mrs. Andrea Jean presented information on the Upward Bound program.

13. Old Business/New Business: Mr. Armbrister announced the BSU is hosting the Winter Wonderland Festival on December 16, 2021 6PM to 9 PM.

Mrs. Bisset mentioned several updates: We held a computer programming competition - MustHacksJr for several local middle

schools on December 2. The event was spearheaded by one of our students, who raised over \$1000 in donations for the competition. There were about twenty-five volunteers from SPIDER and the Computer Science classes. The kids had fun and learned a lot.

McArthur has been selected for School Duel, a high school trivia competition. The event starts in January.

SAT review supplies were donated to several of our members so they could review for the December SAT.

PSAT scores are in. SPIDER will start working with students who have the potential to be National Merit Scholars (top 1% of SAT/PSAT test takers nationwide).

SPIDER will start recruiting new 9th and 10th grade students in January.

We have 7 Silver Knight Award candidates. Silver Knight Awards are the most recognized awards handed out in the Dade/Broward area and reward students for orchestrating community service projects that benefit their school, community and/or world.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM