

# McArthur High School

SAC Minutes – February 7, 2022

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## Attendance:

Amira Britton-Paschal  
Vincent C. Newman  
Waldo J. Mirambeau  
Juana Jimenez Reyes  
Alfred L. Broomfield  
Jessica L. Bass  
Gerald L. Armbrister  
Brittany M. Goldsby

Maureen Durand  
Natasha Symester  
Lael Thomas  
Nadine M. Smith  
Peta-Gaye Bisset  
Brittany N. Meinsen  
David L. Beckford

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 5:33 PM. Gerald Armbrister will record the minutes for this meeting.

1. The meeting opened with Ms. Brittany Goldsby stating the SAC goals.
2. Mr. Waldo Mirambeau recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance was collected on Teams.
4. The January minutes were reviewed.
5. The Comprehensive Reading Plan was presented.
6. The School Improvement Reports were presented as follows:

ELA - English & Reading Report:

**We are working hard to ensure that the scholars pass their exams.**

**The AICE teachers are preparing the students for the AICE exams. Big Shout out to Ms. Goldsby's students who were able to pass the retake exam to further qualify for the AICE diploma! Way to Go Ms. Goldsby! We must also Give a shout out to Ms. Thomas who also had several student retake and pass the AICE exam. You rock Ms. Thomas!**

**ELA has several boot camps in session for the ACT coming up. Mr. Martin will be running an ACT boot camp after school for the Seniors.**

**ELA will also be running an ELEVATE period to further assist the 9th and 10th grade students with that extra needed help to ELEVATE them to the next level. The students will be reporting to the ELEVATE period during their study hall. We hope to see some major improvement in the FSA scores by giving the students an extra added boost.**

**And as always, we ask that you encourage your scholars to READ , READ and READ!**

**-Ms. Cumberland**

AICE- Cambridge:

The AICE department is counting down to exams and getting testing registrations done.

-Ms. Williams

Fine Arts:

The Fine Arts teachers are preparing for their classes District Assessments as well as recruiting for next year.

-Mr. Armbrister

Physical Education Report:

The Physical Education teachers are still promoting daily physical activity and are now supporting Biology through weekly homework assignments. Students are also still expected to dress out for the physical Education classes daily, as it is a requirement.

-Mrs. De La Cruz

**Science Report:**

**Biology is currently working on Unit 6 Genetics. We have 3 more units to complete before our Biology EOC Exam in May. We are offering tutoring Monday - Thursday with YMCA and Student Opportunity. Science YMCA tutoring is every Tuesday in Room 815 with Ms. Johnson, and Student Opportunity Zone is Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Ms. Johnson in room 815. Ms. Santos is providing tutoring for Biology with Student Opportunity Zone program in the library. Please check with Cain for the dates.**

**-Ms. Johnson**

Social Studies:

Social studies will be working on various Black History month projects across all grade levels. Teachers are continuing with their third quarter curriculum and starting to prepare for testing.

-Mr. Roopchand

Math:

Tutoring for various subjects is taking place. Pullouts are being conducted. 70 seniors still need math requirement.

CTE:

Engineering: Robotics: Mr. Derrick

- The M3 team will be competing in the South Florida FIRST Robotics competition to be held at the Palm Beach Convention Center. Mar 3 -5

Horticulture: Mr. Newman:

- Horticulture has received a school of tilapia fingerlings for their Aquaponics program.

JROTC: Maj Samusson:

- JROTC conducted a blood drive on Feb.4

-Mr. Derrick

## Literacy

The Literacy Department is still working on our cycle four (LAFS) standards which are R.L.1.2 (Determine Theme; central idea), R.L.1.3 (analyze the development of complex characters) and R.L.2.4 (contextual vocabulary) in our ELA classes. In our Intensive Reading classes, we're are working on the BEST standards:

February Structure (Informational Text):

ELA R.2.1 Argument Writing:

ELA C.1.3

Explain, analyze or evaluate how individual /multiple text sections convey meaning and purpose

(LAFS.910. Write to support a claim or argue a position with a counterclaim (LAFS.910. RL.2.5) W.1.1)

ELA classes are reinforcing Writing strategies in addition to teaching the LAFS standards.

Reading teachers are in currently beginning novel studies.

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 have our first session of Reading Symposium. This is a three-part Reading-Standards workshop facilitated by the Literacy Coach. Students will be reading the novel “Children of Blood and Bone.” This large scale book club/Literature circle will serve to reinforce formal reading skills for students and serve as an opportunity to model proven effective instructional strategies for 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 useful reading and writing tips for parents to support their scholars at home. Our Reading and English teachers will be giving extra credit to the students whose families participate. Thank you, Mrs. Durand, for the suggestion. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 2/16//22 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, this month, our Social Studies teachers will support literacy through vocabulary, MEEAL paragraph and implementing reading strategies through project-based learning.

- Mrs. Smith

7. Testing Plan

In-School SAT March 2

ACCESS Testing January 24 – February 4

Algebra I Retake February 22

ACT (12<sup>th</sup> Graders) March 8

8. Mr. Broomfield gave the SAC Funding status by stating there are \$26,255

9. Mr. Broomfield gave the Principal's Report as follows:

A. Guidance Counselors Week.

B. Loss of a Guidance Counselor Griggs.

C. Cap and Gown Review to take place soon.

D. Course selection cards are being distributed.

E. Superintendent Candidates Meeting at Plantation High School.

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

11. College Board Virtual Night February 15

Old Business/New Business: Ms. Beauchamp and the Debate students are preparing for the State and National competitions.

World Languages is participating in the District World Language Competition.

Black Student Union is organizing the Black History Month program.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM