

Coral Springs Middle School  
School Advisory Council  
Minutes  
February 26, 2025  
8:00 AM  
via Microsoft TEAMS

- I. Call meeting to order (8:01 AM)
  - a. B. Opthof calls meeting to order; M. Geraci seconds.
- II. Approve Minutes from previous meetings
  - a. M. Hilmers motions to approve December minutes; A. Locke seconds.
  - b. M. Marcano motions to approve January minutes; M. Geraci seconds.
- III. Department Reports
  - a. Social Studies – Mrs. Opthof
    - a. Our Civics teachers have been complying a list of students who need additional support as we approach the end of our curriculum and begin testing. We have decided to create two groups of students. Our Tier 1 students will require pullout support with Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Dadas. These students were selected using their PM2 scores in Reading and the CFA #2 in Civics. They are students who are not yet proficient in either area but are on the cusp and show promise. There are approximately 40 students. Our Tier 2 students will be selected based on the Civics BSA which will be given on March 19<sup>th</sup>. These students will attend our morning extra help sessions given by Mrs. Sloane, Mr. Gonzalez, and myself. The sessions will be based on the overall lowest-scoring benchmarks.
    - b. Our Global Perspective students participated in the Democracy in Action competition. I'm happy to announce that one of our groups won. Rep. Daley selected only one bill in all of Florida. The bill was introduced to the Florida House of Representatives on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will monitor its progress closely in the hopes that it becomes state law. The bill is titled HB781 Cyberintimidation by Publication.
  - b. Math – Mr. Creary
    - a. BSA for Algebra and Geometry on March 13.
    - b. 3/14 is Pi Day and the math department will be doing a math activity to celebrate.
  - c. Language Arts – Mrs. Geraci
    - a. There is a lot of great stuff going on in Language Arts this month. We had a great time making bracelets on February 14<sup>th</sup> and appreciate PTA for helping with the supplies. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are finishing up a black history month research project. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade are finishing novel studies. In the month of March, we will be preparing students for the BEST writing assessment in April. We also submitted 17 entries into the Broward County school literary fair. Judging will take place on 3/7.
  - d. Reading – Mrs. Kraut
    - a. Small groups are going well. Teachers are doing well tracking students' progress.
  - e. Science – Mrs. Henningson
    - a. 6<sup>th</sup> grade- submitted eCybermission folders, learning about magnetism, space, and gravity.
    - b. 7<sup>th</sup> grade- dissection field trip 3/17 and 3/18, Gears 2 MOY test through performance matters on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - c. 8<sup>th</sup> grade and bio - MOY test through performance matters also on March 4<sup>th</sup>, ELO starting after spring break based on MOY test results.
    - d. HOSA - kids qualified for states but are not attending due to financial issues. Working on fundraising efforts of selling honey buns and a spring dance.
  - f. Electives – Mr. Dadas
    - a. Speech and Debate - Last month we had 15 students medal at competition. This month's competition is on Thursday and I am taking 45 students - this is the most I have ever taken in the last 3 years!
    - b. This past weekend, the CSMS Robotics Stallions won 14 more awards at Pinecrest Preparatory Middle-High School and Howard McMillan Middle School VEX Robotics Competitions. Three teams have qualified for the STATE Competition.
    - c. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Coding Fundamental class is finishing up on Shark AI Project using Google Teachable Machine Learning.

- d. Yearbook sales have begun. The link to Balfour is on our website.
- e. Band went to CHE and Eagle Ridge 2/24 and 2/25 to recruit for next year's band.
- f. Dual Language district best practices happening 2/27 here on campus with Gonzalez and Gutierrez.
- g. Girls flag made it to first round of playoffs.
- h. Floorball is starting next with track and field to follow in March.
  - i. In CREATIVE WRITING we have just finished and submitted pieces for Broward District literary fair. This month we are focusing on Personal Pieces. For example, creating Mantras, writing one-word essays, Book or Movie/Restaurant Reviews/ Blogs/Vlogs, memoirs, I Poems, etc.
  - j. Drama Club has transitioned to our production company. We are in the middle of auditions for our Spring Musical- Alice in Wonderland, Jr. May 22 and 23 in the CSMS Cafe.
  - k. The drama classes are also exploring exciting activities. Theatre 2 is creating commercials detailing our favorite classes, teachers, and field trips. Theatre 1 is learning the basics of play production with our class play - Born to Be Wild. We will perform the play during class on March 19 and 20. Theatre 3 has started Tap Tuesdays, with our dance captain from Glades High School.
- g. Guidance – Mrs. Beaney
  - a. Testing: Next month we will be doing the practice BSA tests: biology and science will be March 4 algebra geometry of the March 13 and civics will be March 19. we will have our positive behavior field day on March 20.
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving their course cards next week through science. The counselors will be in the science classrooms to assist the students with putting in their request and focus that's new this year. The elementary tours went off without a hitch. Miss O'Brien did a great job welcoming our incoming sixth graders and in return they took their course card and registration packet back with them. They're due at the end of March, so Miss O'brien will return back to the elementary schools in April to collect the first week of February was school counselor week administration and staff did an amazing job making the counselors feel appreciated.
- h. Equity/ESOL – Mrs. Hilmers
  - a. ESOL- All individual and group administration of the Access Wida test is now complete! Big shot out to Mrs. Reina for her support. I could not do this without her. It was a big undertaking to test 75 students both individually and in two group settings alone. This year we have the highest number of ESOL students. We recently reached 76! Mrs. Reina is also going above and beyond and taking the lead on our ESOL competition taking place on Saturday, April 26th on Saturday. Mrs. Reina is working closely with a group of students who will be representing CSMS in the areas of: Spelling, Writing, Original Artwork and Impromptu speaking. Students whose home languages vary from Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole will bravely be competing in their second Language, English on that date. We wish them all the luck! I will keep everyone posted. Mrs. Lopez will be heading our LEC camp- designed for ESOL students to get extra support afterschool.
  - b. Equity- Check out our Black History Month display this week. Set up by HRC students. February is quickly coming to an end and next month, March, we will be celebrating Women's History Month. Please look out of the next display as we are excited to share with the students the display with different influential women in history and their contributions!
  - c. Human Relation Council (HRC)- This past Monday, February 24th, our HRC group got the opportunity to meet with district representatives and other HRC groups across the county, virtually on Teams; they took a leadership role in lending their voices to a student focus group that would inform administrators about their perspective as a student. They took this rare opportunity to voice how they felt about the culture of their school. They spoke about whether they had trusted adults at the school they can go to and what characteristics make them a trusted adult. They also shared how they thought students treated each other at school. Mrs. Russell from Equity and Prevention informed the students that all the feedback given during the focus group would be shared by district staff at the next principals meeting.
- i. ESLS – Lopez

- a. ESE Advisory: 2/27 Meaningful Inclusion Committee 7pm Teams
  - b. 3/19 ESE Advisory Council general meeting 6:15-8:45 pm Lauderdale Manor
  - c. 3/20 Down Syndrome Committee Meeting 6-8 pm @ Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization
  - d. Gifted Advisory: 3/10 @6:30 pm at Plantation Middle
  - e. Welcome to Ms. Burgin who is our new 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ESE Support Facilitator!
  - f. Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA) materials have arrived and we hope to begin testing this Monday, March 3, 2025, and should take us to spring break!
- IV. School Accountability Funds (balance = \$14,940.00)
- a. Funds request: R. Ramirez – PE uniforms (\$5,481.25)
    - a. Unanimous vote in favor.
  - b. Funds request: J. Slesinski – ELO funding (\$4,550.00)
    - a. Unanimous vote in favor.
- V. SIP Goals Update
- a. Math goal update: The goal is for learning gains to have the lowest 25% increase from 54% to 60% by May of this year. At midpoint, we are at 30% but that is because the students have not learned about half of the material.
- VI. New Business
- VII. PTA – Mr. Anderson
- a. Fundraiser for Valentine's Day (gift shop) went well. We raised around \$1700 in 3 days (not all profit, but still impressive)
  - b. No PTA meeting this month
  - c. Next PTA meeting: @9:30AM on 3/19/2025
- VIII. Open Forum
- IX. Safety/Discipline/Attendance Report
- a. **Argent**

**Attendance:**

Guidance and Administration continue to monitor attendance Daily.

Hall sweeps are conducted to remind students of the importance of being in class.

**Discipline:**

Grade	Highest Frequency Infractions
6	Unruly Disruptive
	Disobedience/Insubordination
	Cell Phone
7	Tardiness
	Disobedience/ Insubordination
	Unruly Disruptive
8	Unruly Disruptive
	Disobedience/Insubordination
	Cell Phone

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING (SESIR):**

**8/12/24 – 2/25/25** (New one comes out 2/28/25)

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Disruption on Campus					1		
Drug Possession				2			
Bullying/ Harassment		1					
Fighting	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Physical Attack		2		2	2		
Threat/Intimidation		1					
Tobacco Possession					1		
Unsubstantiated Bullying			1	1			
Weapons Pos							

Level I - Most Serious: Aggravated Battery\* Arson, Homicide, Kidnapping, Sexual Battery  
 Level II Burglary\* Drug Sale/Distribution, Physical Attack, Robbery, Weapons Possession, \* Sexual Assault\*  
 Level III Disruption On Campus, Drug Use/Possession, Hazing, Fighting, Larceny/Theft, Sexual Harassment\*  
 Sexual Offenses (Other) Threat/Intimidation\* Trespassing, Vandalism, Other Major Offenses

- X. Principal's Report – Slesinski
  - a. FTE week: We are up 5 students
  - b. Facilities: The roof is being actively repaired
    - i. Front office will be relocated
- XI. Next SAC meeting is 3/19/2025 @ 8 AM
- XII. Motion to adjourn by B. Ophhof at 9:03 AM; seconded by A. Locke