



Blanche Ely High School



Mr. Tavures Williams, Principal

School Advisory Council
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Media Center
6:00 p.m.

School Accountability Funds: \$17,481.47

- Mr. Williams shared that the accountability funds are now reflected in the account, with the roll over from last year and the 23-24 deposit of \$31,875.01 the new total is: \$49,356.48.
- Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Ms. Carolyn Smith.
- SAC Composition
 - Ms. Robinson
 - Ms. Smith and Ms. Scott reviewed the SAC composition, highlighting each of the unfilled mandatory positions and how each committee member is voted on to be a part of the body.
- SAC Officer Positions
 - Ms. Smith shared the proposed SAC Officer positions for the 23-24 school year: SAC Co-Chairs and SAC Secretary
 - Once we have the full SAC Committee and a quorum, the body will be able to vote on officer positions.
- SAC Bylaws
 - Ms. Scott thoroughly reviewed each section of the SAC ByLaws. A question was posed by guest, about the professionalism statement that is in the SAF ByLaws but not located in the SAC ByLaws.
- Minutes Approval
 - The meeting minutes from the September 2023 meeting were reviewed. Due to a lack of quorum, they were presented for information only.
- School-wide Data Updates
 - Science Updates – Ms. Letizia presented the science curriculum update. The science goal for this school year is to increase from 27 to 35%. The presentation provided a list of all the science courses, followed by particular attention to the Biology course, as it has a state assessment. Ms. Letizia shared the quarter 1 curriculum and the outcomes of the Common Assessment 1 data, which covered the Credibility of Science. The Common Assessment 2 data covered the topic Chemistry of Life. Instructional adjustments for the 23-24 school year

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included: following the district Canvas course, using bell ringers to remediate low performing standards, allowing students to explore concepts independently, allowing students to elaborate on key ideas, and working on reading and test taking strategies to prepare for the EOC. A question is posed about Chemistry students being able to complete labs. Ms. Letizia and Mr. Williams responded to the question and will follow-up with the chemistry teachers and getting the materials that are needed to complete the labs. The gas in the chemistry lab rooms have been fixed

- Social Studies Updates – Mr. Spence presented the Social Studies update. The SMART goal for the 23-24 school year is for Blanche Ely to achieve 52% proficiency. We reviewed the 5-year data trend for the US History EOC assessment depicting 7% decrease from 2022 - 2023. Mr. Spence presented the breakdown of the Social Studies Lesson Plan format that is being implemented by the teachers as well as other lesson delivery options. Updates for the 23-24 school year included – a new pacing guide, targeted lessons from the district, new consumable textbooks that can assist with remediation, updated mini assessments, assessments provided by the district. Ms. Mohorn posed a question about the textbooks being taken back. Mr. Williams responded to provide clarification on the books that needed to be in alignment with the updates state requirements.
- Principal’s Update
 - General – Blanche Ely has been invited to Black Men In Tech and can have 20 students attend. The Principal’s Advisory Board had its second meeting, a recruitment visit at Crystal Lake Middle, from that visit the cheerleaders will be performing in our Homecoming parade. Magnet Recruitment Open House is on November 15th, we want to expand our road show. Conducting a 9th grade assembly to address the behavior that has been on the uprise.
 - Instructional – Each core subject department conducted a quarterly data review, each assistant principal oversees one of the departments. Working with BC to offer a Dual Enrolment course at Blanche Ely during the school day, this will provide students an opportunity to earn college credit and the school will earn acceleration points towards the school grade.
- SESIR Data
 - Reviewed BCPS and Blanche Ely SESIS data
- Adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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