

James S. Rickards Middle School

School SAC Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2018

Welcome.

Call to Order

- A meeting of Rickards Middle School Advisory Council was held in the media center on December 12, 2018. Chair Ms. Wright called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Mrs. Torres will record the minutes for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- November minutes require corrections, the amount of \$148 should state "\$145". With corrections, minutes approved by Mrs. Tierney and Mr. Collado.

Debate Team Showcase

- Zabriya Thomas represented the Debate team that participates in the Debate competition. Ms Samuels uses the Socratic Seminar to help prepare the students. Debate is one of the various electives available at Rickards Middle School.

Winter Art Show

Adriana Sandola spoke on behalf of the Art students that prepared the Art Show on display today. Preparing the banners, color combinations and displaying the samples for the parents required the help of many students.

Treasurer Report

- Funds reported by Ms. Wright available in the School accountability fund are a total of \$5339.00.

BTU Report

- Mr. Sohn on behalf of Mrs. Ellis, the BTU representatives welcome any teacher to contact the m for any concerns, or additional members that want to join the union.

City of Oakland Park

- Holliday Village was very successful.
- Discussions regarding placing banners around Rickards Middle school are taking place.
- The City Commission meeting took place and welcomed the new mayor and commissioners.
- City Hall will be closed on December 24, 25, 30 and January 1, 2019.
- The City Bond was approved, the committee is researching areas that could be targeted.
- January 18 will be the Community Soul Celebration at the Jack Pastorius Park from 6-10pm.
- Andrews Avenue is under construction, they are adding medians. The next streets to receive improvements are Dixie Highway and Powerline Road.

SIP

- Science – Mr. Sohn on behalf of Mrs. Balog: The Science classes are wrapping up the standards. Science Fair projects are almost due. The district fair will be on February 8. The Science and Math night was very exciting and had a great response from the community.
- Literacy – Ms. Tierney: December 18, Rickards students and Barnes and Nobles will hold a fundraiser from 6-8pm. January 30, will be Open Poetry Night.
- Social Studies – Mr. Wongsam: 8th grade students are wrapping up the Revolutionary War unit. 7th grade students have discussed the US. Vs Nixon and are preparing for the Civics EOC in May. The Historical Society and Riverboat cruise was very educational for the students.
- Diversified Arts- Beckford: Diversified Arts classes are using Project Based Learning curriculum and their projects are displayed at Rickards Middle School Holiday Show for December 14. 6th grades students may be changing electives starting the third quarter. Volleyball season has started. Robotics and Technology will be at the Barnes and Nobles Night.
- There will also be a competition for Robotics students. A rocket was brought to the school for students to have an interactive experience about technology. On December 21, they will bring the rocket again for teachers to also have the experience.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Collado wants to thank the parents that are in attendance today and encourages them to join the SAC or PTSA, which helps make decisions regarding budget, they organize events for teachers, vote for ways to improve the school and many other.
- 8th graders are recommended to start looking for Magnet schools or any school that they are interested in attending. High schools extend invitations to students based on their 7th grade scores. Its important for 7th graders to hold the grades required to enter their school of interest.
- After the SAC meeting, Dr. Collado invites all present to enjoy the Art Exhibition taking place at the school.

Next meeting

- Next meeting will be held on January 16, 2019 at 6 pm in the media center.

Motion Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Collado, seconded by Mr. Wongsam at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Maria Torres

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval date: