

James S. Rickards Middle School

School SAC Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2018

Welcome.

Call to Order

- A meeting of Rickards Middle School Advisory Council was held in the media center on October 10, 2018. Chair Mr. Sohn called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Mrs. Torres will record the minutes for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- September minutes need to be revised. Changes made as approved by Mrs. Horowitz and Mr. Donnelly.

Treasurer Report

- Funds reported are a total of \$5339.00. Part of the funds are planned to be used to pay Homework Help.

Title 1 Updates

- By Ms. Brown, SIP feedback is being requested by parents.
- Mr. Donnelly continues to be concerned regarding safety measures at the school. A safety meeting took place with Mrs. Diaz.
- A PFEP (School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan) handout was provided.
- Mrs. Brown is requesting volunteers for the “Training Academy”. Any parent interested is to contact Mrs. Brown for further information.

City of Oakland Park

- Oktoberfest was held last weekend, it was a great success.
- National Night Out with BSO – encouraged walkers to be watchful around their neighborhoods as well as to inform BSO if any suspicious activity.
- Neighborhood Participation meeting at the City Hall for new restaurant.
- Used book sale will be held in library on October 20 from 10-3 pm.
- BSO Cadet training will be started soon, permission slips for parent approval have been sent.
- Fire Department is providing CPR Training on October 24.
- October 19, Rickards Middle will have an “Active Killer Drill”. A tourniquet training is being discussed for future trainings.
- Halloween Bash Event – Trunk or Treat registration available for Halloween Bash.
- November 6 is Election Day. There is a bond for the City of Oakland Park to help enhance local fire station and community center. Encouragement to vote for yes on the ballot.
- Antique Walk will be held on November 4, 2018.
- BSO has a new app – “Safer Watch” for all community to use.

Character Reward Program

- A rewards program to reinforce positive behaviors of students is being implemented. Each month a positive character is being praised with tickets that can be placed in a raffle for gift prizes. Reminders for teachers and students should be made on morning announcements on Mondays and Thursdays.

SIP: Curriculum Updates

- Math – Ms. Folkes: On October 9, administrators of other schools completed a walkthrough around Rickards Middle. They provided positive feedback regarding structure, instructional practices, student engagement, small grouping and the use of technology (e.g. IReady) in classrooms.
- Science – Ms. Balog: Science classes are finishing first content cycle. Science Fair for Rickards will be last week of December, Broward County Fair will be February 8. Science classrooms are having more projects to align with the PBL.
- Literacy- Ms. Tierney: Rocket talks are taking place with the data scores to move students or show learning gains. Strategies of best practices are shared among teachers. Students have been taking several diagnostic tests in their literacy classes to help develop strategies for learning.
- Social Studies – Mr. Wongsam: Sixth grade is working on “Early Man” Unit. Field trip to “We the People” Musical will take place on October 23. Seventh grade will have testing of “Foundations of Government”. Eighth grade will also be testing for unit 2, field trip to Historical Society of Palm Beach will be on October 18. Social Study classes will collaborate with guidance to help run the Naviance program for college and career readiness.
- Diversified Arts- Ms. McClendon: Art classes are assisting other areas for various programs such as Hispanic Heritage Night and Winter Art Show (December 12). PE/Athletic – Basketball season has started this week. Volleyball tryouts will start soon, with the season starting in December. VEX Robotics Tournament will be held on February 9. This year the competition will be using household items. Spanish classes are preparing for Hispanic Heritage Night on October 25, 2018. Food donations are still needed. Peer Counseling classes gathered goods for the Humane Society Shelter. A harvest drive for RMS families has started and runs from October 8- 16, 2018. Band is preparing a Disney field trip, fundraising is ongoing. Coupon Book sale is over for now. A Winter Concert is scheduled for December 13, 2018.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Sheffield spoke on behalf of Dr. Collado that is at another conference in California.
- Safe Haven assessment from September 18 have given feedback to the school. A traffic assessment was conducted as well as had staff interviews.
- Science department conducted the Safe Haven online survey in the classes with students.
- Dental Sealant provided free dental services and assessments.
- Guidance continues working with the SOAR program. Guidance counselors are conducting class visits and speaking to all students regarding their levels. Diversified Arts and Mrs. Patterson are

using SEL standards in class. They will also analyze the relationship between SEL and the amount of referrals written.

- Book Fair is up and running. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit the Book Fair.
- College Awareness week starts the week of October 22, 2018. Fliers are being printed.
- Red Ribbon Week for Drug Free Awareness runs from October 22.
- Funds are requested in the amount of \$840 from School Accountability Funds for prizes (SAC funds).
- Book Fair representatives suggested to send students over the book fair for prizes if needed.
- Ms. McClendon suggests that a movie and popcorn for younger kids could be provided to entice more parents to participate in SAC meetings.

Next meeting

- Next meeting will be held on November 14 at 6 pm in the media center.

Motion Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sohn, seconded by Mrs. Carter at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Maria Torres

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval date: