

SAC Minutes for Friday, April 4, 2025

Call to Order- 8:27am

Approval of March 2024 Minutes

- Motion to approve- Ms. Walker
- 2nd Motion- Mr. LaRosa
- All Approve

Current Budget:

- Accountability Funds \$20,088.91*

SAC Officer Nomination Process: Mrs. Keery

- Group of SAC members, including SAC Chair and SAC Secretary, make a committee to nominate SAC Officers
- Committee members will discuss and bring names to follow up meeting.

Mid-Year Data Update: Ms. Nast and Department Heads ([PowerPoint Link Here](#))

School Update/SESIR: Mr. Bianchi

Positives-

- **Band Program**- Our Symphonic band and our Concert band both rated Superior at the MPA's. Only 3 other middle schools were rated Superior in Broward County.
- **Speech and Debate Showcase**- Ms. Pappas put together an amazing Speech and Debate Showcase that gave our students a chance to demonstrate and present the different types of debates to their parents and other students.
- **Wellness Fair**- Our students were able to get a variety of information as it relates to mental health and wellness and were free to visit the different tables that were set up to provide information.
- **Character Playbook**- We held an assembly for students that teaches students how to establish and maintain healthy, supportive relationships with their classmates. Miami Dolphin players, Miami Dolphin Cheerleaders, and a Medal of Honor recipient, and an astronaut guided our students through meaningful discussions and student are given an opportunity to ask questions.
- **Cambridge Update**- Westglades MS will be a Cambridge Middle School beginning the 2025-2026 school year. It will be implemented in all ELA classes so that all of our students will have exposure.
- **FOCUS**- Broward County Public Schools is streamlining the way parents access their students' information by launching a new parent information portal for the 2024/25 school year called FOCUS. There is a parent webinar on 4/8 @ 6:30. Visit browardschools.com/parentuniversity to join and receive the information.

End of Year-

During the month of May and into June, we will hold many celebrations including our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (5/10), Band Banquet (5/15), Athletics Banquet (5/17), and our 8th Grade Awards Night (6/5). The 8th Grade Awards Night will be for 8th grade students who have competed or represented Westglades in district or state academic or performances in the arts as well as students who have made straight A's in 8th grade or all 3 years of middle school.

This year we had a teacher and parent committee plan an extra celebration for the 8th grade students. This will take place on 5/29 and will be a time for our 8th grade students to celebrate together. There is no graduation ceremony for students who complete 8th grade for any public school in Broward. Please mark your calendars for these dates, and we look forward to celebrating our students' amazing accomplishments with you.

Important Dates:

4/2-4/5	National AP Appreciation Week	5/6	6 th Grade ELA FAST
4/2	BEST Writing (6 th Grade)	5/7	Science SSA/ Biology EOC
4/3	BEST Writing (7 th Grade)	5/8	7 th Grade ELA FAST
4/4	BEST Writing (8 th Grade)	5/9	8 th Grade ELA FAST
4/5	SAC/SAF/PTO @ 8:15	5/10	NJHS Induction Ceremony @ 6PM
4/8	Lockdown Drill @ 3	5/13	Civics EOC
4/8	BEST Writing Make-up	5/14	6 th Grade Math FAST
4/9	Paraprofessional Day	5/15	Band Banquet
4/10	No School	5/15	7 th Grade Math FAST/Algebra & Geometry
4/19	Fire Drill @ 9:40	5/16	8 th Grade Math FAST/Algebra & Geometry
4/24	Barnes and Noble Night	5/17	Athletics Banquet
4/24	Clerical Professionals Day	5/22	YANA Awards Ceremony
4/25	Take Your Child to Work Day	5/24	Early Release
5/1-5/5	Teacher Appreciation Week	5/27	No School
5/2	Fire Drill @ 10:30	5/29	8 th Grade Celebration
5/3	Band/Orchestra Spring Concert @ 6PM	5/30-5/31	Drama Musical
5/4	SAC/SAF/PTO Meeting	6/5	8 th Grade Awards @ 6PM
5/4	Gradventure		

SAF Updates: Ms. Walker

- BRACE advising in Middle School starting in 6th Grade
 - explore innovative ways, such as grade level assemblies, small groups, through the use of technology, and other means of communication to embrace BRACE advising starting in 6th grade.
- Bullying
 - School Board has Defined what a Bully is.... RIP – Repeated, Imbalance, Purposeful
 - Both students give statements. Parents are not always privy to both statements.
 - Often when VERBAL, parents are not brought in as administrators are trained on how to handle.
 - Parents who report an issue and/or have conversations with the school about such incidents should always follow-up these meetings with an email for that paper trail and use diligence in checking their schools SESIR data for accurate reporting by their school.
- April 18- North Area Steering Meeting 5:30pm, General Meeting 6:15pm-8:45pm, Monarch HS

New Business:

- Request for Funds- Mr. Bianchi: New Teacher Academy in the summer about \$200 per new teacher
 - Motion to approve- Ms. Estroff
 - 2nd Motion- Ms. Fondren
 - All approve
- Request for Funds- Mr. Bianchi: Summer Planning for Department Heads, about \$1920
 - Motion to approve- Ms. Walker
 - 2nd Motion- Ms. Gagne
 - All approve

Parent Concerns:

- none

Next Meeting May 3, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08am