

New River Middle School

School Advisory Council Minutes - September 4, 2024

Agenda

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the New River Middle School Advisory Council was held in the media center. Chair Ronald Jules called the meeting to order at 4:41. Ms. Coombs recorded minutes for this meeting. Mr. Jules opened the meeting with introductions. Both parents, staff, and administrators introduced themselves.

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III. Review of Minutes: Mr. Jules shared Robert's Rules and Order. Mr. Jules went over a quick guide on how to guide our meeting through motions. Mr. Jules stresses the importance of seconding a motion and how things move forward throughout the meeting and what is the correct terminology to use for the functionality of our meetings going forward. The main method of voting is a mass voting.

IV. SAC By Laws: Mr. Jules went over the purpose of the School Advisory Council as well as the importance of membership within SAC. If we are not in quorum (at least 51% non-staff) we can not vote on any motions. In order to be a member, you can miss no more than 2 meetings. Mr. Jules then goes over the duties of the meeting of the officers. Mr. Jules reported that we will be voting on members of the SAC at tonight meeting. We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays this year. The minutes of each meeting should be documented and reflect every motion made and or passed at every meeting. Mr. Jules also went over SAC's role for utilization of funds. Mrs. Hooke (parent) asked if we can have a zoom meeting or a virtual option for SAC. Mr. Jules said post covid we were not permitted. Another parent asked if you have to be a member to vote, Mr. Jules says you can attend but you cannot vote if you are not a member. Mr. Jules asked if there were any more questions, there were not any.

V. Review of Minutes: Mr. Jules reviewed the last SAC meeting's minutes from the month of May and displayed them for attendees to see. Ms. Frazier-Wright motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Cooper seconded. Ms. Esser asked if we are still having Shark of the Month. Mrs. Humphries confirms yes, we will have our first Shark of the Month event Wednesday, October 9th 2024.

VI. SAC Elections: Mr. Jules is asking for a motion to approve the current as well as additional members for the 2024-2025 SAC committee. Inclusion of Spanish for Spanish speakers. Mr. Cooper motioned to accept the minutes and Mrs. Frazier-Wright seconded.

VII. Principal's Report: Mrs. Harris shares her excitement for this school year and this is her 32nd year in education. Mrs. Harris introduces our Assistant Principals, Mrs. Ambroise, Mr. Pericles, and Mrs. Ruiz. Mrs. Harris shares with attendees that Broward County is a an "A"-rated district this year as well as our' superintendent's vision "Believe Empower, One Broward". AS of today, we have 1587 students. Title I 100% Free and reduced lunch (SEP). Our population consists of 35% ELL. 127 Staff members and 72 highly qualified teachers. We are a Marine Science and iCAN magnet school. We are a platinum model PBIS school, which stresses the importance of developing a rapport with the students both in and outside the classroom. Mrs. Harris shares the way our block schedule works, having 8 classes, 4 every other day. Shares our school's grade is currently a C. Mrs. Harris shares with attendees the state report card. She then shares our school's goal for our state report card to gain 65% of the 900 points (584). Mrs. Harris shares how we've created Law Studies classes to enforce the Civics content to reach our goal. Mrs. Harris then shares the school's vision statement for the year, which is we are "TEAMing" up for success. TEAM standing for teach, engage, assess, and monitor. Parent shares a comment that tying in the civics and ELA goals can help them align. Mrs. Harris shares our Mission statement, which is "BRING YOU'RE A GAME" and we have HOPE (Having Only Positive Expectations).

IV. Title 1 Update: Ms. Coombs shares we have our annual parent meeting tomorrow at 6PM. Also, Ms. Coombs shared our upcoming ESOL Parent night for September 26th at 6PM as well.

VI.SAF/I -Zone: Mrs. Wong shared Student Advisory forum. Mrs. Wong shares it encompasses everything outside of the SIP plan. She shares that she and Dr. Jax attend monthly meetings and shares that information from the district. She also shares the importance pf signing the SAF sign in sheet as well, since at NRMS we have merged the SAF and SAC Meetings. September 10th the county will be voting on moving the school choice up to November so that can decrease the number of students we are losing to private schools. Mrs. Harris also shares why Title I funds we cut.

IX. New Business: FAST Testing was this week. Tomorrow is our open house and that also the beach cleanup is September 21st. Mr. Jules also shares our school's soccer team schedule. Mrs. Fraizer-Wright shares her thanks to SAC for helping her get back Sea Stars 21st century after care program. She announces she still has open seats in Sea Stars. She will have a table to Open House. Mrs. Hooke asks interested in being a part Friends of New River, please add your name to the list.

IX. Meeting Adjournment: Mrs. Humphries Motioned to Adjourn, Mrs. Frazier-Wright seconded that motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 4:30pm in the Media Center.

Submitted by: Mr. Jules, SAC Chair

Approval Date:_____