



**Falcon Cove Middle School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes**

August 29, 2024

A meeting of Falcon Cove SAC was held at FCMS in the Nest Media Room. Judith Malone called the meeting to order at 8:34 am

A motion to accept May's minutes was approved.

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Falcon Cove Middle School Advisory Council was held in The Nest on August 29, 2024.

SAC Chair Judith Malone called the meeting to order at 8:34am

Secretary Kalondra Singh will record the minutes of this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes of May 2024 were considered.

Kalondra Singh - motioned to approve the May 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Clara Martinez – 2nd

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Principal Report by Mr. Carruth: Falcon had a successful opening to the school year. FOCUS had some glitches, but they have been resolved by the majority. The cell phone policy in our district has been implemented; devices are away from 9:25 – 3:55; exceptions are made for medical exemptions, etc. The results have been positive; better behavior and more engagement from students. HB 1473 is an update to school security requiring schools to have any exterior and interior doors closed and locked; some challenges with movement have been seen and are

being resolved. Security is stationed at the doors. Enrollment is at 2098 which is higher than projected; we are hitting the class size average. This points to no budget cuts; our enrollment and budget are in good shape. PM1 testing begins next week (first week of September). Testing is happening through Study Skills teachers. The testing periods have been cut back slightly to give more time for instructional purposes. It is important for students to be present on the day of the test and work to their potential on the test. Each FAST test counts; not only the last one. Code of conduct assemblies have been held for each grade level. Mrs. Harvey and her Peer Counselors have organized the anti-vaping and anti-drug program running through Study Skills classes. Students are required to receive parental permission to be a part of any school clubs. Parents must sign and return the club permission form for every club the student is seeking membership for.

Budget Report and Updates by Mrs. Judith Malone: SAC is adding new parent members.

Dr. Saddler - motioned to approve new parent membership

2nd – Laurie Reichow.

\$6146.38 is the current account. \$7800 was the total school recognition monies at that time. We have not received any updated information regarding the A+ funds. The recognition money was left over from years past and SAC may vote on how to use those funds as long as it goes back towards the school. The SIP plan must be updated by September 22nd. Departments should make adjustments to the school SIP plan summary given during meeting.

School ID policy will begin on August 30. Students are not required to be in the yearbook, but they are required to take an ID photo.

Guidance Report by Judith Malone: All teachers and parents are using the FOCUS platform; this is a learning curve.

Literacy Report by Laurie Reichow: The district has purchased i-Ready to be used as a supplement in ELA classes this year. The ELA classes are in the process of administering the district-mandated i-Ready diagnostic. Teachers will be talking about the learning paths which are issued to students based on their performance on this diagnostic.

ELA teachers will be conducting writing diagnostics later in September as we have pushed this back a bit due to several district-mandated/state-mandated diagnostics which students are currently taking/will be taking soon.

The district has implemented a new diagnostic test for our Intensive Reading students, NWEA Map Growth assessment. This assessment is being administered

Math Report by Ms. Mclaughlin: The math department is jumping in feet first in the new school year. We have begun Algebra morning review sessions and have a large number of NJHS volunteers to assist with tutoring. Most students have completed their first i-ready diagnostic and are starting their trek towards their stretch growth for the year.

The math club is getting start with practices. We had our hallway invasion yesterday after school and the kids had fun with it. We are already up to 50 members and the registration keeps coming in. I anticipate between 80 and 100 members again this year.

SESIR Report by Dr. Saddler: The SESIR can be found on the school website; we have not had a SESIR event thus far. SESIR events are events that are required to be reported to the state. One student can create multiple events. The district pulls the report and updates it on the website once a month.

Shoutout: Falcon Cove would like to give a huge “thank you” to Mrs. Reichow and Mrs. Pantin for their ongoing assistance with FOCUS Q & A sessions and quick guides.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:07AM

Singh, Kalondra - motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07AM

Richard Keery - 2nd

Motion carried unanimously by vocal affirmation.

Submitted by:

Kalondra Singh

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: _____