

## **SAC/SAF Minutes 11/28/2023 Final**

In Person Attendance: Kelly Agnew, Yanina Aldana, Annamaria Alston, Deandre Bailey, Fabian Calero, Paula Brache, Tara Daub, Warren Denise, Laurel Garfinkel, Lisa Hoy, Evelyn Lopez, Heidi, Malan, Lisa Mallozzi, Michelle Mediavilla-Minkus, Maria Murray, Viviana Pimental, Luisa Rebellon, Madeline Sansone, Theresa Sansone, Christine Siwek Risa Steward, Jessica VanDusen, Sherry White, Kenya Williford, Jameson Wren, Ronald Ziccardi

**Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by L. Hoy to approve the October minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Alston. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**New Business**

**Waivers:**

- The New Waiver Intent to Apply form for the Professional Study Days and Exam Exemption waivers was turned in on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting approval to move forward with the process.
- If we are approved to move forward there will be a Community Meeting for all stakeholders to provide their input regarding both waivers on December 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm, in the media center.

**New Voting Members:**

- Gina Schoenfeld
- Madeline Sansone

**Accountability Funds:**

- Balance of \$30,186.16

**SESIR Incidences:**

- Alcohol = 1
- Drug Possession or Use = 3
- Fighting = 2
- Threat/Intimidation = 1
- Tobacco = 13
- Total = 20

**School Improvement Plan (SIP) Curricular Area Update**

## **Science:**

- K. Agnew reviewed our school science data in a PowerPoint presentation.
- Biology Goal: The percentage of Biology students scoring proficient or higher on the Biology End of Course Exam (EOC) will increase from 72% to 75% by May 2024 as measured by the Biology EOC.
- Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) are ongoing and include review sessions hosted in Room 4025 on Thursdays.
- The team is using common assessments and spiraled review to aid students in reaching these goals.
- Acceleration Points – Classroom tests are being designed to match AP tests in both rigor and timing.
- K. Agnew clarified that a 3 or higher is considered passing on all AP tests.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Accountability Funds balance was clarified from the October meeting. It was explained that previous numbers were estimates. There were carryover funds added from previous years.
- The adjusted amount from carryover funds is \$39,827.96. We spent \$9641.80 on Edmentum, which leaves us with our current balance of \$30,186.16.

## **Reports**

### **Student Government Association (SGA): Natalie Flaten, SGA Advisor**

- The Nancy Cotterman Sexual Abuse Center Adopt a Kid drive is underway.
- We will host the Wacky Olympic Games Saturday, December 16th.
- SGA is working with the other Cooper City High School clubs to determine Winter Spirit Week dress up days and activities.

### **Senior Class: M. Sansone, Senior Class President**

- Senior sweats sale has concluded.
- Prom theme voting is on-going. The results will be announced on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Superlatives: Nominations are December 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place December 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Latinos in Action (LIA): Paula Brache, Student Representative**

- Dues have been collected and paid by all members.
- ESOL night will be held December 13th.
- Papa John's gift cards from the fundraiser will be here soon.

### **Multicultural Club: Deandre Bailey, Student Representative**

- In September we participated in Peace Week and conducted the Peace Pole Ceremony and facilitated the chalk event.
- We held a collaborative meeting with LIA and played games to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month.
- We held a collaborative meeting with the poetry club in November for Native American

Heritage month. Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> we had a Friendsgiving with LIA and the Black Student Union. Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> we are having a Native American guest speaker. This event is open for anyone who would like to attend.

**Community Report: Lisa Mallozzi**

- Light Up Cooper City is this Friday at 6:30 pm at City Hall/Memorial Park.
- There will be a Menorah Lighting December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at City Hall/Memorial Park.
- The City is always looking for volunteers and has several open vacancies on our City Advisory Boards. For more information call City Hall and ask for Ext. 223.
- For residents visiting our three sports complexes, they can now reach a live person at the parks by calling our facility attendants that are in the parks. Look for newly installed temporary signage at Bill Lipps, Flamingo West, and Suellen Fardelmann Sports complex with the numbers to call.
- We are currently hiring for multiple positions with the City. If you know of someone with qualifications and a strong work ethic, please point them to our website and look for the Career tab on our Homepage. We have full-time and part-time opportunities. It's a great time to join our Cooper City Team.

**District Committee Updates: Laurel Garfinkel, DAC/SAF Representative**

- The meeting began with Chuck Harper, the District Advisory Chair explaining that he would like to change the format of the meeting. He would like to have the District staff that are scheduled to present to send their presentation in advance so that the meeting time will only consist of questions and discussion that the District staff can respond to. This will allow for more time for committee and area reports and to address the business and needs of the various groups, including student concerns. This proposal was unanimously approved.
- The next part of the meeting was focused on the concern that some SIU officers may not have proper training, which has now made volunteers and parents fearful of how they and their children will be treated as the events of the October 17<sup>th</sup> school board meeting which led to the arrest of a volunteer were discussed. At the School Board Meeting that took place on November 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to the DAC meeting, the DAC board presented a collective letter about the October 17<sup>th</sup> arrest. There was no response to the reading of the letter. Concerns include the state law and school board policy that were not followed the day of the incident, along with concerns regarding the training of SIU officers and the lack of outreach to any witnesses to the incident. Additionally, there have been requests from Area chairs for information regarding wand results and on campus searches that have remained unanswered for many months.
- A motion was then made that the School Board of Broward County remove Officer John Mastriani from all contact with BCPS students, staff, parents, and volunteers pending the outcome of a review of his actions surrounding the October 17<sup>th</sup> arrest of Debbie Espinosa. SBBC should also provide for all SIU officers with immediate effect: Training/retraining in de-escalation techniques; Training/retraining in the code of professional conduct; and body cameras to be worn and activate in the course of all

public-facing duties. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Toomer shared that he would take back the feedback to the board and the superintendent.

- A motion was made that the Broward County School Board hold public quarterly meetings with two-way dialogue with advisory chairs to discuss systemic issues in the District. This motion also passed unanimously.
- The South Area Chair then presented the following motion: We, the Broward County Public Schools District Advisory Council, formally request the School Board to appoint an independent outside investigator to thoroughly examine the events surrounding the arrest of Debbie Espinoza on October 17th. This investigation should encompass witness interviews, a comprehensive review of training protocols, existing policies, relevant state statutes, and the execution of these policies to ensure transparency and accountability within Broward County Public Schools. These findings are to be made public. The motion passes 32 in favor, 1 opposed.
- The following motion was made: We move that the District propose a raise for teachers that is in alignment with cost-of-living increases and raises in surrounding Districts. We further move that the current offering of 0% be rescinded and the proposal of a 9% raise, inclusive of the 1.7% from the state be implemented. This motion passed unanimously.
- The South Area Advisory Council met on November 15, 2023.
- Zaevista Arnold introduced herself and explained that suicide prevention is now its own department. She stressed the importance of prevention with intention.
- Nancy Whittaker then gave a presentation on Xello. Information on Xello is in last month's minutes as a presentation was given at October's District Advisory Council meeting.
- Ms. Whittaker again spoke about the 4 E's and the Assessments. For example, Match Maker which needs to be completed before you can go on will give you information on personality type, interests, who you are as an individual, etc. This assessment will help students explore careers. When exploring majors Xello breaks everything down. There will also be a sample of an educational resume on the website soon and Xello can help students build their own. Xello can have back and forth communication like text messaging and when a scholarship deadline passes Xello will automatically erase it. It's now the Pathway to Possibilities instead of Scope and Sequence. The 1<sup>st</sup> semester is for administrators and staff to get trained, get comfortable, make observations, and get to know the tool. To assist with the curriculum and encourage the student. Xello Academy is also available, which includes a toolkit for administration as well. Next semester each grade level will have one task to complete; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade-Study Skills & Habits, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade-Program Prospects, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade-Choosing a College or University, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade-Career Path Choices. An email was sent out asking parents to register their students. The link included in the email was only good for 7 days so if registration wasn't completed within that time frame parents have been instructed to contact their school to request a new link for Xello's Family Portal access and complete the setup.

## Principal's Report

- Principal Perkovic is currently on a Field Trip with our AICE Marine Science scholars and is unavailable to report.

## School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Best Practice

### Equity Plan: Sherry White

- By June 2024, students scoring level 3 or above on the FAST-reading assessment will increase from 44% to 49% for Black students, 58% to 63% Hispanic students, 11% to 16% for ELL students, 40% to 45% for SWD student and 71% to 76% for White students.
  - Cooper City High is using the following resources to help reach this goal: NEWSELA, SAT word walls, tutoring, and study hall pullouts.
  - Data was presented: 52% of all students passed the PM1 with a 3 or higher. A breakdown of the sub-groups was presented.
- Student Behavior and Discipline Goal: By June 2024, the percentage of regular attenders will increase from 65.4% to 67.4% on a daily average and moderately chronic attendance will decrease from 40.2% to 38.2% and severely chronic will decrease from 10.28% to 8.28%.
  - Lunch time activities (DJ, Snow cones, games)
  - Discipline referrals will decrease for each subgroup as follows; Hispanic from 38% to 35%, White from 46% to 43%, Black from 10% to 7% and Asian and Multi from 3% to 0%.
  - Engaging Lessons
  - Good Behavior is prerequisite to attend field trips and events.
  - Behavior data was presented showing the % of referrals by subgroup: Asian-2%; Black-6%; Hispanic-48%; Multi-6%; White-37%. The data also reflected the percentage of population within each subgroup, along with the baseline data for each subgroup.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Attendance Data was presented as follows: The daily average of students in attendance is 91.3%; with the lowest date of attendance an Early Release Day (37% attendance).
  - The baseline percentages are as follows: Regular attendees-65.4%; Moderately Chronic attendees-40.2%; and Severely Chronic-10.28%.
- Student Engagement goal: By June 2024, clubs and co-curricular courses that align with and support the Four Mandates, in accordance with the Broward County School Climate and Discipline Calendar of Observances will increase their membership from 15% to 18%.
  - The 4 mandates include Hispanic Heritage Month, Holocaust Education Week, Black History Month, and Women's History Month. Pictures were shared of students participating in some of the activities that have taken place on our campus.

**Life Skills and Wellness Plan (LSW) – Luisa Rebellon, Guidance Counselor and LSW Liaison**

- A detailed explanation of the Cooper City High LSW Action Plan was presented.
- VISION: At CCHS LSW, we aim to create a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff, and parents. Our focus is on promoting mental and emotional well-being through the teaching of life skills and wellness strategies to develop healthy habits and encourage positive values such as resiliency, empathy, perseverance, grit, gratitude, and responsibility.
- The areas we focus on are the following: Self-awareness and Self-management; Responsible Decision-making; Relationship Skills; and Resiliency.
- At Cooper City High we have an LSW team that shares the CCHS vision. We plan and use data to drive our work with the students.
- There are professional learning opportunities provided to strengthen staff expertise.
- We utilize evidence based LSW programs and practices.
- We encourage our students to have a voice and become engaged.
- There are systems in place for continuous improvement.
- We promote LSW among our adults and the entire school community.

**Our next SAC meeting will be held on ~~January 23, 2024~~, in the Media Center**

**Lisa Mallozi motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Hoy, meeting adjourned at 4:09.**

**Addendum to Minutes: Our January 23, 2024 was re-scheduled to January 9, 2024.**