

Everglades High School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
General Meeting
minutes
January 23, 2024 – 3:00 PM

The December 20, 2023, meeting was cancelled due to the Christmas holiday break.

Speakers

IT Department -- Daryl Diamond, Ty Thompson, and Dana Rubenstein.

Information Technology Department: IT Applications that will go into Focus.

- Focus is the student information system. Pinnacle will be in FOCUS. Will be able to see gradebook, report card, transcript
- Up to 15 years of data will go into focus. 7 years uploaded so far.
- Focus Parent Portal – App can be downloaded via Apple store and google on your phone. Download BCPS connect (has owl next to it). Can view the following on it: schedules, grades, attendance record, disciplinary methods, report card, GPA, test scores, assignments, academic progress, and school news.

Legislative Update - will become law July 1, 2024 if not disputed.

- SB 7004 – Change regarding ELA. Grade 10, it will be 30% of their grades Prior they had to pass it to get a diploma.
- Public Education Deregulation. No accountability for kids getting vouchers to go to private schools. They don't need to pass ELA.

- HB 49 – Regarding hours kids can work. Children 15 and younger can work no more than 15 hours per week. Cannot work before 7am or after 7pm. 16- 17-year-old cannot work before 6am or after 11am. Can work a full 8-hour shift if have no school the next day.

- SB 460 -- Different occupations/hazardous occupations for kids 16 years and up. Provides for certain businesses to come into the school to recruit. Example is building constructions.

School Police: Voted Down

- The school board was looking into getting its own police department like Dade and Palm Beach. Some police municipalities were over charging the school board for providing police service. This ended up being voted down.

DAC Updates

- Redefining our schools. There are about 5 schools that will be repurposed, based on how many students are enrolled.
- Also looking at Magnet schools' location
- Meetings will be held to discuss 6pm at the KC Wright building. Possible kick-off date is February 6, 15 or 20.

Title One Annual Parent seminar

- January 27th at 8:00 a.m., Signature Grand. You must register if want to attend.

Superintendent Book Review

- January 22, 4-6pm. Open to the public. Will be at Gulf Stream Early Learning, in the media center. 120 SW 4th Ave, Hallandale Bch

Parent/Student Community Summit

- Will take place February 17th or 24th (Saturday). Place: TBA

PTSA

- John Carter is the VP leadership of PTA. He said there is 128 active units.
- Electing new members. 3 VP and secretary positions available. Open to all.
- Website is : BrowardPTSA.org

Submitted by Maxine Linton

SAF Chair