

Braden River Middle School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mr. Batista at 5:32PM

Welcome given by Mr. Batista.

Attendance- Kimberlain Zenon-Richardson, Roberto Batista, Bradford Baietto, Kristen Cunningham, Brady Jo Trombetta, Katy Brand, Alyson Harris, Anthony Valentino, Jane Beach, Maria Dacosta, Diego Carrizales, Nadine Bender, Ellen McClellan, Carl McClellan, Vendula Dolan, Lisa Jobst, Ms. McWilliams

Mr. Batista calls for review and approval of meeting minutes from April 2021 SAC meeting
Anthony Valentino makes motion to approve minutes. Ms. Dolan makes second motion. The approval of meeting minutes is put to vote. Motion passes and minutes are approved.

Mrs. Zenon-Richardson presents Principal's Report

- PBIS: reward students for positivity. Rewards include school store and purchase items with points.
- Renaissance program promotes academic excellence
- Good citizenship, good attendance, Covid does not affect standing
- Cannot get ISS, OSS, ATOSS
- Discipline Issues: Disrespect #1 issue. Teaching students how to interact with adults. Lots of teaching respect
- Dress Code issues
- Students learn agendas first week
- No leggings, crop tops
- Parents called to bring items to change into
- SEL pushed to help students
- Tomorrow, 4th quarter Renaissance cards distributed
- Parents should look at progress reports
- Culture: Budget is on target in all categorical funds; printing brings issues; millage went towards technology, Nuzella, Brain Pop, ZAP program- opportunity for students to stay after school and receive help
- student count is 909; 8th grade biggest class
- Balancing out classes – some schedule changes coming
- Hiring- 6th grade math needed – Mrs. Brown helping with lesson plans
- Mr. Colon resigned – last day tomorrow – will be hiring for that position as well
- Homeroom – Students attend each day. Riddle to solve. Character traits are reviewed
- Covid Cases- keep kids/staff home with symptoms
- Construction- Building 1 opens in January 2022. Building 2 will be displaced next and renovated
- All work completed in October 2023
- Still great to be a Panther- Care about the kids – family environment

Mr. Valentino comments that MySDMC parent portal is easy to use

School Improvement Plan Draft presented by Mr. Baietto in power point presentation

- Base goals on data in different areas annually
- Early warning signs, needs assessment, plus items that need improvement

- SIP is turned into state
- Best practices- Be forthright and transparent
- Monitor/measure – gather data in many places
- Check goals throughout the years
- Feel free to email Mr. Baietto with any questions
- Continuous improvement model is used
- Goals based on smart goals model
- ESSA subgroup breakdown
- State grade calculation from 2018/2019-school grade 61% points, very close to an A
- 20-21 projected grade drop- did not have to accept C – data shows importance of students being physically in class
- Making gains in Ela, math, science, algebra, civics, lowest 25%

A question is presented by Ms. Brand – What was percentage of eLearners? 140 Of 880 students tested were eLearners all year. 300 students started as eLearners. A significant number were not performing and brought back in January 2021. Attendance issues as well for this group. Possibly highest percentage of any middle school in school district

- 21/22 Goals – ELA- 60%, ELA L25 – 50%, Math- 66%, Math Gains – 55, Math L25- 56, Science-53, Civics-76, Acceleration 88, Goal-Make gains to become an A School
- 2nd goal: 2018/2019 reveals school at 36%- 5% or better increase to meet acceptable ESSA guidelines as it specifically related to SWD
- 3rd goal: Thru SEL/PBIS- decrease suspensions per 100 students to at or below state level by end of 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Dolan asks for QR code to access individual student information.

Deputy McClellan speaks on what he learned at the summer conference, FASRO.

It had great speakers. Discussed cybercrimes, students using phones and how to hide things on phones; creating fake accounts. Safety- Emergency planning, deputy from Sandy Hook spoke; 1,000 deputies collaborate; legal updates from state attorneys; civil citations for misdemeanor offenses; arrests only for felonies

Teacher voting members election results presented to the council. With 32 yes votes and 0 no votes, Mr. Batista, Ms. Dacosta, Ms. McWilliams, and Mrs. Beach elected to one-year terms.

Parent nominations made for voting members.

Motion to put nominees to a vote is made by Mr. Valentino. A second motion is made by Ms. Dolan. Ms. Dolan, Ms. Trombetta, Mr. Carrizales, Ms. Brand, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Valentino are elected as parent voting members to serve one-year term.

Mr. Batista nominates himself for chairman of council. Motion is made by Mr. Valentino to put to a vote. A second motion is made by Ms. Dolan. Motion carries and Mr. Batista is elected chairman to serve a two year term.

Ms. Dolan asks a question about parent involvement regarding the SIP plan. Ms. Bach asks a question regarding if it can be amended during the year.

A motion is made to approve the school improvement plan draft. A second motion is made by Ms. Beach. The motion carries and the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan draft is approved by SAC.

Recommended meeting dates are presented to the council. A motion is made by Mr. Valentino to approve the meeting dates. A second motion is made by Mr. Baietto. The 2021-2022 SAC meeting dates are approved by the council.

Ms. Dolan makes a comment regarding a school event calendar. Her daughter will get access to school events. Mrs. Zenon addressed the question that school sponsors will begin to release dates for events

Ms. Harris wanted to know about specific events such as dances, fairs, kickball leagues. Specific ideas for events would be reviewed at next meeting.

Mr. Baietto mentioned spirit nights would be held at restaurants

Mrs. Zenon indicated cross country tryouts were coming.

It was noted that PE was beginning to dress out tomorrow

Meeting adjourned at 6:43PM