

4/20/21 – SAC Meeting

Present: Sloman, Bohlmann, Parker, Hart, Cox, Morgan, Joseph, Barlaug, Howard

Morgan: Motion to start meeting by Sloman, seconded by Hart. Meeting began at 6:04

Review of SAC Minutes from Feb. Motion to approve: Parker, seconded by Barlaug. Minutes approved.

Sloman: Admin Report

786 total, 134 online – down 1% since Feb.

Football and volleyball seasons going strong. Tournaments next week.

Music concerts (chorus, band and orchestra) next week in gym. 2 tickets per student; COVID protocols in place.

8th grades students will have a field day May 24. Awards ceremony on May 25 in the evening. Invite only for students receiving awards. 2 tickets per student.

FSA Writes - 97% were tested. Most of the e-learners came in for testing.

Progress reports posted this Friday, 5/23

Teacher Appreciation Week (all staff!) will be next week to avoid testing. Several events planned throughout the week.

Sloman: Testing Update

Schedule – due to technology availability, we can test entire campus at once. Only 6 days of testing in May

Reading/ELA: May 4/5

Civics: May 7

Science (8th) SSA: – 5/11

All Math: (including Algebra/Geometry) 5 13/14

Make ups afterward.

Mid-February benchmarks – results were similar to first quarter with a lot of success. Our school would be rated an A based on benchmark scores. High results across the board; in top 3 across the district.

Barlaug: Dress Code Review

Suggested: allowing flip flops and slides; allowing jeans with holes above the knee as long as no skin shows (something must be worn underneath.)

Comments: Regular shoes would be required for PE; locker rooms should be open next year.

Parker: Statement in handbook to cover activities to safe shoes. Students should not be allowed to avoid participation due to incorrect shoes. Feedback from electives – some are feeling that it is hard to hold students accountable because students do not have to pass electives. Electives will always have this issue for multiple reason.

Morgan: students should just always be required to wear proper footwear for necessary activities whether stated in code of conduct or teacher syllabus.

Parker: Do high schools and other middle schools allow this type of shoe? Barlaug: Yes, all high schools allow this. Parker is ok with the holes in jeans as long as it is spelled out that there is something underneath.

Morgan: Ok for bringing both items to a vote. Any other concerns with dress code?

Howard: What is “satanic” music? Barlaug: Would have to research district code. Howard suggests that is taken out for relevance. Also hair color and piercings. Barlaug – asking to hold on the piercings because it does sometime goes beyond simple piercings.

Howard: Is it a distraction to education? Barlaug: Yes, it can be.

Bohlmann: Agrees with hair color.

Morgan: Keep distracting (extreme) hairstyles. Agrees to vote on hair color.

Barlaug – any other thoughts on hair color? Torn on hair color. Would like to reach out to other schools and see what they are thinking.

Parker – agrees with removal of hair color.

Morgan – agrees with getting feed back, but leave the distracting phrase. Although distracting can be very widely interpreted.

Sloman – the wording needs to be very precise to allow before taking it out.

Barlaug – will reach out to other schools tomorrow. Time crunch as agenda pages have to go out by May. Suggesting typing up changes and we can vote by e-mail. Everyone agreed.

Parker – looked at county code of conduct (read phrasing). Would like to just agree to use district code.

Barlaug – it has to be clear cut to avoid the gray area of policing the issue.

Morgan – plan of action – gather information from other schools – send out in an e-mail and vote yes or no on each suggested change. Can it be changed if it becomes an issue? Barlaug – once in handbook it must be there for the entire year.

Parker: make sure to note hair color in discipline matrix.

Sloman: Student Handbook Review/Approval

Vote on everything except approval of dress code changes are made. Any comments other than dress code?

Parker: What is meant by “possession of cell phone” and should it be removed since students are allowed to use them by teachers? Suggests it be reworded to “inappropriate use of electronic devices” which then incorporates smart watches, tablets, etc. Vote will include that change.

Sloman: motion to approve handbook with exception of dress code. Approved unanimously.

Morgan: please include the number of schools with hair color policies in e-mail.

Morgan: District SAC Meeting (attended by Morgan and Barlaug virtually)

Much of the information was restatements of known information. Nothing new or significant to report.

Barlaug: Covid Update

E-mail just sent for one positive case today; 7 quarantined (most for bus). New standard is 3 feet. District will be having a conversation now that the state says masks are optional. Expect to hear more in the near future. No e-learning will be offered next year other than through Manatee e-learning.

Morgan: Has there been any change to procedure if teachers are fully vaccinated? Mostly on a case-by-case basis. Still have to be fluid based on CDC guidelines.

Barlaug: Allocations for next year (teacher unit)

Happy to report we only had to do one displacement due to a certification issue. No other teachers had to be displaced. 4 openings: media specialist, digital design, engineering technology; Science. Jobs are posted now – close over the weekend. Interviews have already started. District virtual job fair this Friday with over 500 people registered. Morgan: seems unfair to have job fair during teaching hours.

Barlaug: lots of attendees come from out of state.

Parker: be cautious of virtual job fair because not all attendees willing to move to FL

Parker: Can Mrs. Barlaug comment on recent sub issue and the turnover in the technology position this year.

Barlaug – yes, the position has been very difficult to fill with someone qualified to teach this position. Most can make more in the private sector.

As far as substitute issue, not much that she can share at this point, but assured by law enforcement that none of our students were affected. Person was hired by the sub-contractor. He cleared background check, but obviously had issues that needed to be addressed.

Items for next meeting:

Update on hiring

Put out information to elementary schools letting them know SAC positions will be available the following year at middle school.

Morgan: Motion to adjourn; seconded by Sloman.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM