

Braden River High School  
SAC Meeting Minutes- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
BRHS Media Center – 6 P.M.

1) Welcome (Charity Wharton): 6:04 p.m.

\*Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.

Chair: Charity Wharton

Vice Chair: Kirsten Parker

Secretary: Kristen Toomey

Principal: Wendell Butler

Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden

Teacher Representative: J. Finklea

Student Representative: L. McCord, J. Zinkhan and S. Brooks

Attendance: 16 people in attendance total

2) Approval of Minutes (Charity Wharton): 6:05 p.m.

- Minutes were motioned to be approved by D. Berger and seconded by J. Toomey. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

3) Millage Referendum (District – Dr. Laurie Breslin): 6:07 p.m.

- Vote on millage during election this year.
- Not new tax – Manatee county originally approved the mill in 2018 and renewed in 2021.
- Hillsborough county did not pass the millage last year, but all other surrounding counties passed the millage on last voting cycle.
- In the past 8 years, our District has risen 14 spots in the state’s academic rankings based on test scores.
- Money from the ballot goes back into the classroom.
- Results from 2023-2024
  - o Largest group of A schools since 2012
  - o Title 1 schools charting new course
    - 2 schools earned A
    - One school went from D to B school
  - o Parrish High earns first A
- Want more information? Check out [www.manateeschools.net/Referendum](http://www.manateeschools.net/Referendum)
- Priorities moving forward:
  - o Increase security
  - o Recruiting and retaining teachers and staff
  - o Boosting success with more instructional time
  - o Offering real world workforce education
  - o Expanding early literacy programs
  - o Adding options for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
  - o Enhancing arts and athletics
  - o Supporting charter schools

- The cost per property owner is based on local property taxes. \$1 per every \$1,000 of assessed value
- Community gets access to full transparency that can be found on the school district website.
- Deadline is November 5 to vote
- Q: When comparing the A schools, who are we compared against?  
A: The data is compared against our own district data...but the test scores are compared against state data.
- Q: The money that the teachers get from the millage is it per year worked or is it compounded?  
A: Not compound, it is flat supplement every year.
- Q: How is the money divided up.  
A: 51% is divided up to go into teacher pay, 49% goes to classroom needs such as STEM
- Q: Does that go to contracted employees like therapist? Is this impacted by new schools?  
A: The 51% goes to district hired employees. The funding for new schools will come from the same funding.

4) Update & Approve SAC Bylaws (Matthew Whelden): 6:32 p.m.

- Bylaws will be reviewed by admin and SAC executive committee
- Changing Article VII: Meetings of SAC
  - o Changing the time of meetings from 6:30p.m. to 6p.m.

5) Principal's Report (Wendell Butler) 6:35 p.m.

- Due to storms, plans have changed some
  - o Homecoming has changed
    - Dance is Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Homecoming game and crowning will be Nov. 2
    - Wednesday (Oct 30) through Friday (Nov 1) will be makeup dress up days for homecoming week
- Open positions for math, Haitian Creole ESOL aide, and theater teacher have found someone for these positions, should be hired in November
- Wednesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy Superintendent will be visiting to walk through classes
- PSAT is Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Non-College Reportable SAT, ACT, and CLT is coming up within next three weeks
- Choice is being pushed back due to storms through January

Q: Is there a decision on making up days missed due to storm?

A: Not yet, School Boards meets tomorrow night.

Q: When did quarter one actually end?

A: Quarter one ended on Oct 14. Grades are due on Oct. 25 to allow teachers extra time to post grades and collect any work that was supposed to be turned before quarter end.

Motion to adjourn was made by K. Brand seconded by W. Butler. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 24<sup>th</sup> in the BRHS Media Center

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey