



# MINUTES

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 24, 2023 6:02 pm | *Meeting called to order by Jessica Esposito*

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### In Attendance

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Guy Grimes, Michelle Danowski, Jessica Esposito, Linda Bryan-Beachler, Melanie Stern, Beth Cendere, Lisa Little, Yamilette Ronda-Velez, Martha Fleming, Jen Franczyk, Gisela Lopez, Brooke Epstein, Erica Danke, Jordan Viergever, Danielle Barth, Lena Rink, Olesya Wilson, Chris Wilson, Tracy Bradford

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### Approval of Minutes

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Reviewed minutes from November meeting. Approved by Jessica Esposito

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### Principal's Update

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#### New Business

#### Review of Manatee County Recognition Funds

- For school year 21/22 by raising the school overall grade – ended with an A
- Earned \$102,662
- Funds can be used for: Staff incentives or non-recurring expenditures
- A school committee makes a recommendation on how to spend; staff approves recommendation and SAC votes to approve
- Recommendation is to pay a 1-time incentive in the following amounts
  - \$1400 per staff member – Full Time status
  - \$275 per staff member – Part Time status
  - \$464 per staff member – retired or reassigned
- SAC voted, unanimously approved recommendation for Recognition Funds

#### Review of new book law and impact to schools

- State has enacted a new review of all books within media centers and student classrooms as of Jan 1, 2023
- All books must meet state criteria to be eligible to stay within school
- Books fit into 3 categories: 100% approved; Approved with restrictions; Not approved
- Books are to be vetted through the Destiny Classic website
- All teacher libraries must be packed away until books can be vetted by authorized team from Manatee county
- Parents can volunteer to be part of the authorized team to vet books on Destiny Classic

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### Next Meeting

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Tuesday February 28, 6:00 pm - Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made by Jessica Esposito at 6:39 pm with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gisela Lopez