

Buffalo Creek Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2018

Attendees: Nancy Sanchez, Carl Gomes, Joanna Durst, Natalie Christensen, Eddie Hernandez, Jodie Hyvonen, Dustin Dahlquist, Rossana P. Marshall, Steve Marrero, Lyndsey Morris, Nancy Fetzner, John Hyvonen, Alexis Rodriguez, Aureliana Mendez, Martha Lazaro, Rosa Perez, Josefina Hernandez, Paula Hart, Brad Scarbrough

Welcome: Nancy Sanchez, SAC Chairperson, called meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Old Business: A motion from Lyndsey Morris to approve the 5/2/18 minutes was made and seconded by Brad Scarbrough. All were in favor to approve minutes from 5/2/18 meeting.

New Business:

New Members/Vote in: A motion from Carl Gomes to approve the SAC membership and seconded by Eddie Hernandez. All were in favor to approve the new members.

SAC Officer Nominations and Election: Nancy Sanchez, Chairperson, Steve Marrero, Vice Chairperson and Natalie Christensen, Secretary. The elections were unanimous.

SAC By-Laws Approval: Items that can be amended: Number of meetings, number of members, length of term for officers. A motion from Paula Hart to approve the by-laws and seconded by Eddie Hernandez. All were in favor to approve the 2018-2019 SAC By-Laws.

SAC Meeting Dates: Wednesdays - October 10th, February 6th, and April 24th. A motion from Steve Marrero to approve the meeting dates and seconded by Eddie Hernandez. All were in favor to approve the meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year.

SIP Update: SIP draft has been submitted for approval. 8 of the 9 buckets, that BCMS is graded on, were presented for improvement. The Industry Certification bucket was excluded from the paperwork. We made gains in all areas and our school grade was a 'B' for the 2017-2018 school year. BCMS wants to have 53% of students proficient on the 2019 Reading and Writing FSA (ELA). BCMS wants to have 65% of students proficient on the 2019 Math FSA. BCMS wants to have 50% of students proficient on the 2019 State Science Test. BCMS wants to maintain 93% or better proficiency on the 2019 State EOC Exam for Civics. 6th grade testing is paper-based and 7th and 8th grade testing are computer-based. A motion from Eddie Hernandez to approve the SIP goals and seconded by Joanna Durst. All were in favor to approve the SIP goals for the 2018-2019 school year.

Principal Update: Buffalo Creek jumped to a 'B,' just 2 percentage points from an 'A.' BCMS went up in every single category (bucket). Social Studies achievement may or may not stay at 93%. We gained 21 acceleration points. It is projected to go up with the implementation of the Cambridge Program. The recruitment efforts have brought a positive effect on BCMS. If students continue on to the Cambridge or AICE program in high school, then they will be almost assured to earn the Bright Futures Scholarships. Teachers are embarking on a 5 week Cambridge Training class that SAC helped to fund. We are over 1200 students, not necessarily because of Lincoln becoming a charter school. It is probably due to the addition of the Cambridge Program. The ethnic makeup of the school is as follows: 50% are Caucasian, 35% Hispanic, 11% African American, 4% is a mix. It is a great group of talented students. Back to School Night is tomorrow night.

Cambridge Program - Joanna Durst, Cambridge Coordinator: There is lots of important information on website. They will be ordering bling (lanyards and shirts) for Cambridge students. Mr. Baker's Global Studies class is writing to another class at another school through a pen pal website. They are commemorating 9/11 with a memorial placing a flag for every life lost around the flag pole and giving goodie bags to first responders.

Parking Lot: They want adjust the pavement (first turn/curve) to allow for easier movement during high traffic times, discussing solution for the directional flow of traffic and the first turn in the parking lot.

Dress Code: BCMS is taking a stricter stance on dress code to be consistent with school board policy. The BCMS discipline matrix aligns with the school district discipline matrix, too.

Parents: Parents are encouraged to volunteer and fill out that volunteer paperwork through the front office. Parents can still eat lunch with their student.

Hawk Walk: It is set for October 12th. This is a great event and it would be a great day to volunteer.

AICE Parent Alliance (Ally Bergmann): It is being created to build a community of parents and students to share information about and promote the program at Palmetto High. There will be a meeting after Back to School Night tomorrow evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm with a motion from Nancy Fetzner. It was seconded by Lyndsey Morris.

Adjourn: 6:51 pm