

Buffalo Creek Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2019

Attendees: Kimone Cooper, Joanna Durst, Natalie Christensen, Gladys Sailes, Jodie Hyvonen, Steve Marrero, Malissa Baker, John Hyvonen, Ally Bergmann, Melanie Mierau-Babcock, Melissa Packer, Lyndsey Morris, Celeste Wilson, Erika Afkhami, Shanna Kotlarczyk, Brad Scarbrough, Carl Gomes, Kelly Anthony, Deputy Frank Butler, Joy Joiner, Kristen Panico, Jennifer Carriker, Hássan Sharp, Nancy Sanchez

Welcome: Brad Scarbrough called meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

SAC Changes Made by the District: Everyone is invited to come, but we are only allowed to have 10 voting members.

Old Business: A motion from Lyndsey Morris to approve the 4/24/19 minutes was made and seconded by Natalie Christensen. All were in favor to approve minutes from 4/24/19 meeting. There was a question related to follow-up of the parking issue. The curb can't be removed. No Parking signs have been ordered and will be placed in the last grass row with caution tape around them to prevent Mills Elementary parents from parking in our lot.

New Business:

New Members/Vote in: All were in favor to approve the new voting members (Stephen Marrero, Erika Afkhami, Jodie Hyvonen, Alison Bergmann, Natalie Christensen, Lyndsey Morris, Nancy Sanchez, Joanna Durst, Bradley Scarbrough, and Melissa Packer).

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, length of term for officers. We amended the by-laws to reflect the 10 voting members, as set by the district. A motion was made by Stephen Marrero to approve the by-laws and seconded by Lyndsey Morris. All were in favor to approve the 2019-2020 SAC By-Laws.

SAC Meeting Dates: Wednesdays - October 16th, January 15th, and April 15th. A motion was made by Stephen Marrero to approve the meeting dates and seconded by Bradley Scarbrough. All were in favor to approve the meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Principal Update: Deputy Frank Butler is joining Buffalo Creek this year. There is no additional guardian, like last year. Our former guardian is now stationed at Mills Elementary. Gladys Sailes is joining us as a student support specialist. There are 3 guidance counselors and a total of 1345 students. BCMS earned a 'B' grade this year. We earned 56% of the available points. Science scores were abysmal; working on that with hiring seasoned teachers. The test is very difficult due to the amount of reading required. The school lost some points with math and learning gains buckets, too. Our goal is to earn an 'A.' We are anticipating adding 3 more units based on numbers. There are at least 70 instructional staff at BCMS. The Civics EOC is now taken by 7th grade advanced students and all 8th regular students. This is another

area where our scores decreased. Our acceleration points went up. Any new teachers will float as all rooms are at capacity. The old chorus room/weight room will be cleaned out to be used, too. The ethnic makeup of the school is as follows: 54% are Caucasian, 31% Hispanic, 8% African American, 2% are Asian and 5% Multiracial. The school has three main focuses this year. One is building positive student relationships. The second area of focus is on the lowest quartile (25%). We are to make sure that we are servicing those students properly and they will show us the most improvement and learning gains. The last focus is making sure to teach the Florida Standards rigorously. Back to School Night is set for Tuesday, September 3, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. There is a battle with the College Board to have PSAT given at BCMS. Then we can become a testing center. Cambridge teachers are on the same page with the standards. There are 43 new staff members this year. The soccer season starts soon and soon after will be cross country. Bussing is still a problem and he can't promise that it is going to get better. We are hopeful. There is a shortage of bus drivers (10). The last bus has been pulling out at 4:50 pm. There are still some open teacher assistant positions. We have a great team and great staff this year. It has been a great start this year considering the size of the school. Everything has been running smoothly. Hawk Walk is currently set for October 25th.

District Parent Task Force – They are trying to recruit parents for it. The parents advise the district; they dabble in everything that is mentioned in the District SAC. Carl Gomes and Alison Bergmann asked that their names be submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm with a motion from Stephen Marrero. It was seconded by Erika Afkhami.

Adjourn: 7:01 pm