

Buffalo Creek Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2018

Attendees: Bradley Scarbrough, Nancy Sanchez, Carl Gomes, Paula Hart, Joanna Durst, Natalie Christensen, Ally Bergmann, Steve Marrero, Eddie Hernandez, Lyndsey Morris, Rachel Gamble, Charles Sellick, Dustin Dahlquist, Rossana P. Marshall

Welcome: Nancy Sanchez, SAC Chairperson, called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business: A motion from Steve Marrero to approve the 10/11/17 minutes was made and seconded by Ally Bergmann. All were in favor to approve minutes from 10/11/17 meeting.

New Business:

School Choice – Mr. Dahlquist – don't need to recruit any for choice, went to Mills at their last PTO/SAC meeting to share information about the programs here. Choice night last Thursday night. Positive response to our programs here at Buffalo Creek. Allocation from 1000 to 1160, so 4 portables were added to the property. Choice is off to a good start. Promoted the Cambridge Program and going to have a Cambridge night soon.

1 Mil 4 Manatee – Mr. Dahlquist – 30 more minutes of time per day results in an increase in pay for Instructional staff. Over the course of K-12, it will result in at least one year's worth of additional instructional time for all students. It makes a difference and will result in greater gains. It will also increase the graduation rate, as well as give all the students more options after graduation. Students will be better prepared for life after high school graduation, whether they choose to go to college or straight into the work force. Sarasota has passed for 16 years now that is why their teachers' pay is about \$9000 more per year on average. It will raise the salary of bus drivers at least \$1 per hour more, which might recruit and keep more of them. The money is going to fund more STEM and CTE programs, as well as some charter schools. Please share this information with other Manatee County voters and get out the vote.

Cambridge Assessment International Education Program – The district asked that Buffalo Creek take on this program. BCMS is pursuing becoming part of this program like they have at Manatee and Palmetto High Schools. They are in the application process for it. APs and Department Chairs have already been sent for training. Cambridge site visit is next month (secure testing room, science equipment, size rooms, etc.). Progression tests might be used instead of Benchmark testing. It is the same program as the rest of the Cambridge sites worldwide. Redistricting high schools is taking place this year. After Lincoln Middle School converts to a charter school next year, the middle schools will be redistricted. BCMS is going to get larger and they will be aggressively recruiting former Lincoln MS students. Teachers are going to become Cambridge certified. It will feed right into Palmetto's AICE/Cambridge program. It will be implemented in all 3 grades. It doesn't include Social Studies courses. The students will have to apply to be in the Cambridge program. The school is still in the planning process of how they are going to arrange the classes. 8th grade EOC Cambridge tests are still cost prohibitive. Looking to ask SAC to fund teacher and staff training for the Cambridge program. Vote passed to fund Cambridge training. It originated in England and all tests are in English. The Cambridge program helps teachers because the standards are correlated to the FSA and any other state required standardized testing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm with a motion from Ally Bergmann. It was seconded by Paula Hart.

Adjourn: 6:52 pm