

Buffalo Creek Middle School  
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30, 2017

Attendees: Bradley Scarbrough, Nancy Sanchez, Rossana P. Marshall, Joanna Durst, Tracy Hecht, Christina Juliano, Natalie Christensen, Ally Bergmann, Steve Marrero, Melissa Packer, Dustin Dahlquist, Jacqueline Pinzon, Lyndsey Morris, Rachel Gamble, Carl Gomes, Paula Hart, Pedro Mendez, Charles Sellick, Eddie Hernandez

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

Old Business: A motion from Eddie Hernandez to approve the 5/3/17 minutes was made and seconded by Natalie Christensen. All were in favor to approve minutes from 5/3/17 meeting.

New Business: Mr. Scarbrough went over new membership information. A motion from Steve Marrero was made to approve all SAC Voting Roster and seconded by Eddie Hernandez. All were in favor to approve the new SAC Voting Roster. The following were voted in as SAC Advisory Board Members:

SAC Chairperson: Nancy Sanchez

SAC Vice Chairperson: Steve Marrero

SAC Secretary: Natalie Christensen

A motion was made by Ally Bergmann to amend the meeting dates (minimum of 4) to be within 4 weeks of the beginning of school, 8/30/17. It was seconded by Nancy Sanchez. All voted in favor of amending the dates.

The meeting dates are all Wednesdays. The following are the 2017-2018 tentative meeting dates: October 11<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was made by Joanna Durst to approve the tentative meeting dates and seconded by Steve Marrero.

Mrs. Hart updated the SAC on this year's School Improvement Plan (SIP). The revision and updates to the SIP plan are due to the district by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Goal Changes

ELA from 48% to 54%

Learning Gains (within a level or go up a level) of ELA from 52% to 55%

Lower Quartile in ELA from 43% to 50%

Math from 60% to 62%

Learning Gains (within a level or go up a level) of Math from 63% to 65%

Lower Quartile in Math from 51% to 54%

Science Achievement (FCAT) from 44% to 52%

EOC Civics from 65% to 68%

Acceleration of Industry Certifications from 36% to 62%

Mr. Dahlquist updated the SAC committee with plans for the 2017-2018 school year. We amended the numbers in the SIP Plan. The lowest quartile needs more attention and will get it in the intensive reading and intensive math classes. More students are going to be encouraged to take Algebra at Buffalo Creek MS. There are great plans and new teachers are on board and excited about them. There is great support from staff and students to have a good school year. They revamped the PBIS (behavioral supports) and Mrs. Packer will take care of behavioral issues. They are creating a community school that everyone will be proud to attend. They want the best for kids to be successful in high school and beyond. US Senator Bill Nelson came to visit the school for the solar eclipse. Buffalo Creek's FFA program is in the top 5 middle school programs in the country. They made adjustment in the Physical Education department and the administrative calls have already shown a trend of decreasing. Buffalo Creek will be giving great prerequisites to prepare students for the testing that is required in high school (Palmetto HS, North River HS). Their recruiting efforts to bring great kids to Buffalo Creek have proven to be successful, as their numbers (approximately 1000) are just below where they were last year. There will be an effort to bring the Cambridge Program to Buffalo Creek. They are hoping to start it next school year. The Back to School Night will take place on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The following information was provided by Mr. Dahlquist as a result of parents' questions: 7 restroom passes are provided, keeping it safe during weather dismissal issues, all grade levels mixed together during bad weather and the coaches are keeping them separate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm with a motion from Natalie Christensen. It was seconded by Joanna Durst.

Adjourn: 7:05 pm