

Buffalo Creek Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 11, 2017

Attendees: Bradley Scarbrough, Nancy Sanchez, Carl Gomes, Paula Hart, Joanna Durst, Natalie Christensen, Ally Bergmann, Steve Marrero, Melissa Packer, Eddie Hernandez, Martha Lozaro, Lyndsey Morris, Rachel Gamble, Rossana P. Marshall, Pedro Mendez, Charles Sellick, Lindsay Dwyer

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

Old Business: A motion from Charles Sellick to approve the 8/30/17 minutes was made and seconded by Joanna Durst. All were in favor to approve minutes from 8/30/17 meeting.

New Business:

SIP Plan Update - Mrs. Hart updated the SAC on this year's School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Strategic Goals

ELA Reading and Writing for 54% to be proficient

Science Achievement (FCAT) for 52% to score level of 3 or higher
(proficient)

EOC Civics for 68% to score level 3 or higher (proficient)

Math for 62% to be proficient

High School Courses (Algebra I Honors and Geometry Honors) to be 100%
proficient on EOC

Motion to approve – Eddie Hernandez made a motion, Ally Bergmann seconded and it was approved.

State of School Update - Mr. Scarbrough updated the SAC committee with plans for the 2017-2018 school year. Hurricane Irma had 6 days off, Buffalo Creek was used a pet-friendly shelter. It pushed back the progress reports. The end of the

quarter is this Friday, October 13th. BCMS on a good roll, added 10 minutes to the school day, today's early out and early out in November, as well as 2 days of Thanksgiving Break are being used to make up for the 6 hurricane days off. Governor Scott granted 2 days to all schools that do not need to be made up. New quarter starts Monday and a benchmark assessment for language arts starts Monday, too. Everyone's academics are back on track.

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. 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.

SAC Budget and Expenditure Requests – The county allotted \$5 per student in this year's SAC budget. Additionally, the county took any remaining dollars at the end of last school year instead of it being frozen for the upcoming school year. SAC is being asked for up to \$5000 for teacher and staff training and other things that relate to the Cambridge program.

Motion to approve – Steve Marrero motion for up to \$5000, Ally Bergmann seconded and all approved. At least 3 teachers in each of the following subject areas will be trained: Language Arts, Science, and Math. There will be something offered at every grade level.

Hawk Walk is coming up on October 12th. It is the only school fundraiser to cover any expenses not covered by the district. Some 6th graders felt lots of peer pressure. Some parents felt forced into it, so their students can participate.

Donuts for Dads was very successful. The school served over 65 adult breakfasts, but many more came and didn't eat. It turned out to be very nice and the staff was appreciative of parent participation. They want to do it again next year.

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

Adjourn: 6:52 pm