

School Advisory Council Agenda
October 13, 2015

1. SMART/Bond Update
2. Choice Enhancements
3. Principals Report
4. SAC Composition
5. School Schedule

Principal introduces SAC committee introduces the committee as a very important decision-making body. Owens mentioned that the prior chair is not with us. Mentions

1. SMART: Safety. Music. Art. Renovations. Technology – A program aimed at renovating older facilities. Once the district realized the project was monumental, requiring a vote. The district was awarded \$800 million dollars. Stranahan will receive over 16 million dollars, but it's capital funding.
 - The envelope of the school is mostly related to Stranahan's structure.
 - Stranahan will be the first school to go through this brand new process
 - The Project Charter meeting happened a few weeks ago. Heary International (SPELLING?) attended the meeting with stakeholders and explained EXACTLY what would be done with the money
 - Roofs
 - Electrical
 - Air conditioning
2. Choice Enhancements: \$100,000 is awarded to every school. A district representative (Darlene..) is here to help explain some project ideas, previously discussed at SAC meetings.
 - The SAC must come up with two choices that must vary by at least one item.
 - There is a ballot that is disseminated to the community. Whiddon Rogers' ballot is used as an example.
 - Students may vote? No
 - Marlene will receive the ballots and give to the Facilities Department for approval. Another company names Adkins may also take part in evaluation.
 - After approval, Ms. Owens will disseminate to the computer. There is one vote per student. If a parent has two children, they get 2 votes. Each student is an individual sheet of paper.
 - The votes will stay on campus. The data will be sent to the district.
 - Question: Is the vote anonymous? No. It's not. Legally, the school must account for the families. Ms. Owens wants to make sure she is allowed to see the names of who voted to remain unbiased toward the student body.
 - Question: How long is the process? Speed depends on Adkins. No clear answer was provided. Darlena's ultimate response was "as soon as possible." Possible delays might result from things such as permits. If everything goes smoothly with facilities, Darlena said things will start to change in 3 months.

- Additional funding can be added via fundraising, but the funds must be readily available. Anything extra is on the school.
- Owens mentions the items discussed during the 14-15 SAC meeting.
 - Items mentioned included the digital marquis. She noted that other schools have already done this, so things can be done quickly. Owens stresses the importance of the marquis and keeping the community in the loop.
 - Communicating with the student body is difficult, and the SAC previously discussed getting a jumbotron for the cafeteria area for announcements such as meetings, sports announcements, and early release day.
 - Darlena has some specific jumbo trons from Sharp; the biggest is \$15000.
 - Darlena passes around tv pamphlets and examples of marquis. Prices are included.
 - Owens repeats that the purpose of the Jumbotron is to communicate, but she also notes that she would like to show movies of Student Life.
 - Darlena adds that there are additional fees associated (installation fees). If the SAC can come up with specific examples and more accurate quotes. Owens wants to get the process started, and doesn't want to wait until the next SAC meeting to get the ball rolling.
 - Owens is concerned about choosing a TV screen without having anything to power it (such as a CPU or computer).
 - Picnic Tables: Darlena provides pictures of different types of picnic tables for the lunch area. One of the examples is approximately \$1,000 each. Owens wants to use the remainder of the funding for at least 10 picnic tables. There are multiple designs and compositions. One of the options is \$8,000 for 10 tables including freight.
 - Cost breakdown:
 - Marquis \$25,000
 - TV Jumbotron: \$15,000
 - Tables: \$10,000
 - New canopy? Stranahan JUST got a new one, but the company that manages it damaged it.
- There is still some movement allowed for spending. Owens wants to add more tables, and many members are remarking on how more tables may be needed.
- Owens is asking if there are any other ideas on what to do with the capital funding.
- Other schools have so many new media centers.
- Funding for other schools has been via fundraising.
- There is a parent here who works in development directing. She notes the importance of hitting up big businesses for donations that can be used in addition to the aforementioned funding.
 - There is a new Walmart opening up just across the bridge. The parent believes that this Walmart belongs to Stranahan, because the parents use that store.

- The parent mentions a Media Kit, filled with all of the great things about Stranahan. The parent is willing to help create this kit.
 - BACK TO Choice Enhancements
 - A marquis, jumbotron, and picnic tables.
 - Ms. Perry mentions renovating the office lobby. Risk management has been out to measure before, but communication between the school and Risk Management is not paramount. This issue has been happening since last year. Owens would like new carpeting some day.
 - Ms. Perry and a parent wanted to spend the money on marketing, but this is capital funding.
 - Owens would like to add office furniture to the list, and Darlena assures that specific values don't have to be on the ballot. Something such as "Office Furniture."
 - Other suggestions included renovating teachers' lounges, buildings for athletic equipment, painting, foliage to beautify the property, etc.
 - Owens is interested in increasing athletics equipment and housing. Even adding barricades to the football field
 - Ms. Perry wants signage for meetings that are moveable and adjustable.
 - **Option A: Marquis, jumbotron, 10 picnic tables w/ 5 circle tables with umbrellas, office furniture, athletic furniture, barricades**
 - **Option B: Marquis, jumbotron, 10 picnic tables w/ 5 circle tables with umbrellas, office furniture, aluminum canopies for covered walkways**
3. **Darlena Ghaby's contact information: MGHaby@Corradino.com, 786-266-1889**
- **HER REAL NAME IS MARLEINE GHABY**
 - Corradino is an engineering firm.
4. **SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** current schedule is 50-minute classes, teachers teaching 6 classes. This year, there are prospective changes. Step 1 is to present the idea of exploration to the SAC committee. If the committee chooses to explore, there may be changes.
- Runcie's suggestion: 4x4 AB: teachers teach 5 classes, one study hall (tutoring, life skills), one planning period. On A days, the teacher teaches 3 classes and a planning. On B Days, the teacher teaches two classes and then facilitates study hall and a planning. In step 2, teachers must vote 66 and 2/3 percent for exploration in order to move on. Those who don't vote are no longer counted as a "no," they are a "no vote."
 - Deadline dates: December 10, the process must be done.
 - On October 23, Owens will see if people want to explore.
 - Step 3: School community conversation and other options, allowing for parents' input.
 - Step 4: After all communication and development is through, the faculty will vote one last time.
 - Owens mentions that parents cannot vote on the schedule because schedules are contractual for teachers.
 - Ms. Perry explains that 350 contact minutes are required each week for teachers. With the current schedule, teachers are well over the contact minutes, making some upset.
5. **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

- Dr. Dorantes, the ninth grade Assistant Principal, is no longer here. Ms. Owens hired Narissa Eadon as a replacement. She previously worked at NRMS, SHS' feeder school.
 - Mr. Seay, the 10th grade assistant principal is our on FMLA.
 - Ms. Walton, the senior guidance counselor, left Stranahan. Ms. Legister was hired to replace her. She was a math teacher at Miramar High School to work as a guidance counselor. Ms. Legister will no be in charge of 9th grade because seniors require an experienced employee.
 - Class-sized reduction is complete. Certain classes require 25 students or less in ELA, Algebra 1 (not Algebra 2), Geometry, Biology (not chemistry or physics).
 - Alleviates parents' worries about changing their child's schedule, but it is the state who issues funding this way. Owens is adamant about not changing any classes until funding time (October 12-16) is over.
 - Testing: FSA Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2 retakes are coming up.
 - Any seniors who haven't passed the old Algebra, Biology, and US History tests are coming up.
 - Seniors who need to take the FCAT Retakes will begin in October
 - 11th graders who didn't pass the FSA will have retakes in Reading and Writing components over the course of 3 days.
 - Our Mond-Thursday after school activities now receive dinner at 3:00 if they are associated with a club or athletics.
 - Homecoming is November 6. For 59 years, we've played Ft. Lauderdale High. It's not on Dillard's field. It will be at Central Broward Regional Park, which has a huge stadium!
 - Grades close next Thursday, which is an early release day, There is a teacher planning the next day on October 23 so teachers can prepare grades and get them entered. Report cards out November 12.
6. Parent Question: Her son is in the engineering program, and she wants to know if robotics was offered. Ms. Owens refers her to Mr. Formoso, the magnet coordinator.
 7. Ms. Perry Question: On Septmber 10, the County Director for the Arts observed her classes. Part of the bond has money in it for art. Ms. Perry sat down with her AP classes who are competing for college credit with all of the kids in the county. She doesn't have the supplies to keep her kids on the same page as those from other schools. She needs EVERYTHING, including easels and other supplies to help prepare her students for collegiate level art courses. Ms. Perry needs \$164000 that includes everything from technology to office furniture suitable for a high school art student. Ms. Perry's cohort told her she has \$300,000, but Owens doesn't see it in the bond money.
 8. Since Ms. Owens hasn't heard of this money, the conversation gravitated from the phantom money awarded to SHS for new instruments. Ms. Owens thinks it took about 3-4 months.
 9. There is a town hall meeting with our school board member and Superintendant Runcie. It's at 6:00 on Thrusday October 15 in SHS auditorium
 10. Owens: If you've been following the media, you know about our cafetieria. Ms. Owens had workers come out and make 2 portables into one long dining hall. It will be for seniors.

Supervision will be provided by instructors relative to seniors (the BRACE advisor, sr guidance counselor, etc).

11. Ms. Owens explains one of the bad parts of the bond money: the schedules are vague.

Something labeled “windows” does not necessarily man every window in the school (it’s actually only 2 windows in building 4!).

12. Next SAC meeting is November 10.