



Student Advisory Council 2015-16

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PARENTAL ADVISORY:
Regular attendance at SAC meetings contributes to the overall growth of your child's learning experience at Broward Virtual School. Meetings focus on topics and discussions that directly relate and affect student achievement. Students are welcome to attend with their Parent/Guardian and we value their input.



**School Advisory Council
AGENDA
October 21, 2015
11 AM**

➤ **Call to Order / Minutes Approval**

11:11 AM Ms. Anchell greeted everyone. At this time we're viewing June's minutes. Mr. Maxwell 1st a motioned to approve the minutes George Jr. 2nd.

At this time SAC members introduced themselves with their title.

11: 14 AM Ms. Anchell this is the first year as SAC Chairperson.

11:17 AM Mrs. Carr briefly talked how Stephen is doing at Pompano Beach High School and how Teresa is doing at school in Virginia.

11:18 Mr. McGuire Ms. Macdonald is the Client Achievement Coordinator with K-12 and has been in partnership with Broward Virtual School since we opened for our elementary program.

11:20 Mrs. Krug will have labs in Coconut Creek High School. First lab will be on November 19, 2015.

11:26 AM Mr. McGuire briefly stated that he likes to hear feedback from our students and parents.

➤ **Welcome New Members**

Chiara Manhas is a junior with BVS

Christopher Walker is a senior with BVS and is the president of the Key Club.

Christopher is on track to graduate with an Associate Degree. Deborah Walker, mother of Christopher.

Micah Roberts is sophomore with BVS from Trinidad and is new to Broward Virtual School. Gillian Roberts is the mother of Micah Roberts

➤ **Principal's Updates**

11:28 AM McGuire announced we have 2 new teachers, Karen Martinez – Math and Paula Wagner - Science. Last school year we hired 50 new teachers, with the help of fellow teachers and Ms. McGinty. 99% of our students are part time students. Part time students are taking one online courses to satisfy graduation requirements. We have teachers on staff that are doing virtual labs and visiting various schools in Broward County. When we started the expansion of our school 2 years ago, 20% of 10th graders took online courses. 20%-95% class of 2015 students satisfy the online learning requirement. 95% far exceeds the graduation rate overall. Teachers work very hard. Not only are they teaching the students online but they're also going into a traditional school setting making their way through a structure that's in place.

11: 31 AM Mr. Cacoulidis asked how are we doing with resources for the full time students. Are the resources are being directed to them?

11:31 AM Mr. McGuire it's giving us options to offer more courses than before. Previously, we had to refer students to FLVS for certain courses. Computer Science, first time Broward Virtual School offering the course. The more teachers we have, the more courses we could offer, the more experience we can give our students could have outside the classrooms.

11:34 AM Mr. Cacoulidis is concerned with teachers office hours for Discussion Based Assessments (DBA) and general student question to call in. Would like the dba's time different from general teacher's office hours.

11:34 Mr. McGuire we have expectations with communications between students and teachers, if they're not being met, it should be addressed to us. If a student is calling during the teacher's office hours, teachers are constantly on the phone with other students, it is best students should leave a message and teachers will get back to them in a timely manner.

11:38 AM Mrs. Krug agreed that if students text she can multi task while on the phone and get back to them

11:39 AM Mr. McGuire if students are waiting days to hear back from a teacher, please bring it up to Mr. McGuire. 24/48hrs teachers should get back to students.

11:39 Mrs. Carr feels that parents and students aren't aware of the time frame for when teachers will get back to students.

11:40 AM Chiara has a teacher that has specific hours for DBA's and hours for general questions, etc.

11:41 AM Mrs. Krug has different options that students may choose to schedule also has a comment section where students may write what they would like to discuss with Mrs. Krug.

11:41 AM Mr. McGuire part time enrollment are higher this years. We do keep the amount of students per teacher reasonable. In the core courses, the fewer students, the better experience it is for the students.

11:41 AM Mr. Cacoulidis asked what is our enrollment this year.

11:41 AM Mr. McGuire grades 6-12 is about 250 students. Our full time enrollment is low due to other virtual school options that are being offered.

11:41 AM Mr. Cacoulidis asked if we've done any marketing to promote our full time program.

11:42 AM Mr. McGuire We advertise via radio WLRN, television and magazines: South Florida Parenting, sun-sentinal. Funding is not the issue. We do not market our program to take them out of a traditional schools. We promote so that families are aware of our full time program.

11:45 AM Mrs. Krug suggested channel 6 is doing a, "Brag about Your School", allow students to write an essay about their schools.

11:46 AM Mr. McGuire recognized our staff who were nominated employee of the year

➤ SAC ByLaws

11:46 AM Ms. Anchell discussed the bylaws. Change Article 3 section 3 from three to one year term of membership. Art 4 section 1 to keep it as only chair person. Article 4 section 2 – the officers shall be elected at the meeting. Ms. McGinty made a motion to amend the bylaws are approved on October 21, 2015 George Jr. 2nd. For membership purposes, we do need specific an ESOL & ESE parent of the school. George Cacoulidis Sr. will represent ESE parent.

11:53 AM Mr. McGuire explained what I-Zones is an innovation zone. We technically belong to every I-Zone because we service students all in Broward County.

➤ SIP GOALS

11:54 AM Mr. McGuire directly tied to student achievements. Communications goals, tied to results from our state assessments. Last year we transitioned from FCAT to FSA. However, the results were given 3-4 weeks ago. Across the board on all of the new tests, our students did very well. Achievement levels: Level 1 being lowest, 5 being the highest, 3 being grade level proficiency, same as the FCAT. We're awaiting the paper copies of student's results. May send email to Mr. McGuire or counselor for results. First set of data was ELA for 10th graders, students must pass to receive a diploma. Over 80% of our students successfully passed.

11:59 AM Ms. Anchell we have 5 writing workshops for grades 6-11. In February will be for elementary level.

11:59 AM Chiara explained how her experience was with the writing workshop in September. Really helpful, learned how to site word.

12:00 AM Ms. Anchell each workshop students will focus on something different. Our next writing workshop will be on October 29, 2015. Will send out a blast email to students and parents. Students who attends will get their segment collaboration. Students will receive BVS bucks.

12:01 PM George Jr. likes that we have the writing workshops, writing is a big focus.

12:01 PM Mr. McGuire recognized Ms. Anchell with the writing workshops.

12:02 PM Mr. Krug a great way to get students to participate in another labs/activities. On November 19th, we're going to have a Science lab here in Coconut Creek High School.

➤ **ASSIST Self-Assessment**

12:04 PM Mr. McGuire the accreditation plan that is moving forward in the district. Broward County is or was the largest fully accredit school district in the country. The crediting body is AdvanceEd. To determine the quality of education students are receiving. The Accreditation team comes outside of the county, speaking with parents, students, all stakeholders. Next year is when our current 5 year accreditation is up. The accreditation team would like to speak to parents and students of Broward Virtual School because the nature of virtual school is expanding and need to get an understanding of students are learning in the virtual environment. We have to do a self assessment, to determine where we are according to the standards to call ourselves an accredited school. There's a collaboration point, if anyone is interested in participating please let us know.

➤ **“BVS Bucks” Proposal and Funding Request**

12:07 PM Ms. Anchell make a request for the BVS Bucks program. When students attends a event, they'll receive 1 or 2 bucks, depending on club sponsors. Students will collect bucks throughout the school year. At the end of year, Ms. Anchell would like to do a pyramid prize game to determine what prize a student will receive pending on the amounts of BVS bucks. School and Counselors are advertising the BVS bucks. Students are really interested. The better the prizes are this year, the more buy in we'll have next year. Requesting funds from SAC, in the amount of \$3,000, will allocate it.

12:09 PM Mr. McGinty would like to encourage students to participate more.

12:10 PM Mr. Cacoulidis suggest to raise from \$3,000 to \$5,000

12:10 PM Mr. McGuire agreed with the amount being raised. We have just under \$7,000, allocated for this committee. Specifically designed for school improvement purposes at the discretion of the school advisory council. And we've always used those funds for student activities.

12:11 PM Mrs. Carr suggested to have prizes donated.

12:12 PM Ms. Anchell If anyone willing to volunteer she's open to it.

12:12 PM Mr. McGuire planning to get with local businesses and vendors to help out.

12:13 PM Ms. Anchell definitely would like student's input for the prizes

12:14 PM Mr. Cacoulidis a motion to increase funds up to \$5,000

12:14 PM Ms. Roberts to let students know in advance of what the prize would be, like an incentive.

12:15 PM all in favor. A motion made in the amount of \$5,000 towards BVS Bucks prizes for students.

➤ **Counselor Updates**

12:17 PM Ms. Anchell testing calendar/dates have been sent out to students.

➤ Student Activities / SIP Activities

12:18 PM Ms. Anchell college week is coming. Seniors can write an essay and get feedback from an English teacher.

12:19 PM Mr. McGuire thanked Ms. Patino and Mrs. Krug for the auto bond society competition.

12:19 PM Mrs. Krug auto bond is a bird count. Takes place twice a year. BVS students went to Plantation Preserve and counted 23 species of birds. They also went to Quiet Waters for a luncheon and presentation, they came in 4th place. Parents would like to have more practice. Thinking of going to Ann Cobb in November. Will do again in February. Next count will be at the beginning or end of April. Doug Young is the chair of the auto bond society would like to continue to get schools involved.

12:21 PM Mrs. Carr suggested students take pictures for the next event and submit to the news and post on website. Would be great publicity.

12:22 PM Mrs. Krug responded saying it would be great for students who are taking the creative photography course.

12:22 PM Mr. McGuire Ms. Dirocco would like to sponsor a photography club and have displays. It's the art and science of photography. It's for middle and high school students. Great way to earn an elective credit.

12:24 PM Mr. McGuire NHS/NJHS sponsored a movie night, 10/20/2015. Part of the district harvest drive, we were asked to bring laundry detergent. November 14, 2015, is the deadline.

12:25 PM Ms. Anchell kids pack, items that you could pack in a lunch box. Lisa Cook is the sponsor. It's an ongoing event.

12:26 PM Mr. McGuire Key Club attend the Honor Flight at Fort Lauderdale airport to welcome back World War II veterans from Washington D.C. who attended WWII Veterans Memorial. Friday is the haunted house.

12:27 PM Christopher haunted house will be on Friday and Saturday at 5pm Bob Roth's New River Grove, trail of a thousand corpses.

12:29 PM Mr. McGuire school spirit shirts are on sale on the BVS e-store.

12:29 PM Mrs. Carr inquired software funds from last school year.

12:29 PM Mr. McGuire Mrs. Pulitano purchased and were loaded with software, apps purchases, e-books installed, subscriptions to newzla. Brings live content from various news sources around the world and puts in the students i-pad. Using schoolage. Keeps content current. May change levels based on students reading levels. I-pads were checked out in the beginning of the month. Would like to do a show and tell in the next meeting.

12:32 PM Mr. McGuire encouraged students to recruit students and parents. Remind students if they attend the SAC meeting they may receive student service hours.

12:33 Ms. Anchell 1st Maxwell 2nd. Meeting ajourned

Next Meeting: November 4 at 11 AM



**School Advisory Council
AGENDA
November 4, 2015
11 AM**

Call to order/ minutes approval

11:08 Mrs. Anchell viewing minutes for approval. Mr. Maxwell 1st Mrs. Anchell 2nd.

Principal's updates

11:11 A.M. Mr. McGuire thanked everyone for attending in short notice. We must have 8 meetings within in a fiscal school year in order to be in compliance. Went over school performance data with teachers, fulltime. Student's progress are going well. We will go over the money approved for i-pads, software, ebooks, etc. with Mrs. Pulitano.

11:13 A.M. Mrs. Ochipinti 1st time attending our SAC. Is a Social Studies instructor 8th grade U.S. History, 11th grade U.S. History and A/P U.S. History at Broward Virtual School

11:15 A.M. Mr. James Preston works for Fuel Education which is a part of K12 representative. Provided curriculum in Districts including Broward County, for full and part time virtual schools.

Accreditation Training Plan Approval

11:16 A.M. Mrs. Anchell Assist Self-Assessment results - filtered through the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Every year, there is a new plan. This year it's a little different. This part, is the same which is the part of the accreditation cycle which happens every 5 years. Self - assessed our school within 5 standards. There's about 33 indicators, which has its own sub division. Base on a scale of 1-4:

Standard Purpose and Direction - 3.0 out of 4.0 scale

Standard of Governments and Leadership - 3.38

Teaching and assessing for learning - 3.33

Resources and Support Systems - 3.43

Using results for continuous Improvement - 3.0

Explain the activities your school will participate to increase your overall rating. Broward Virtual School will continue to implement current practices that go above and beyond

standard operating guidelines in a digital environment such as, but not limited to; a highly individualized registration process with a guidance counselor, highly systematically evaluation to monitor student achievement, strong professional learning community collaboration, inter department collaboration, hands on administrative rolls with best leadership team, face to face learning opportunities for students including Science workshops, Writing seminars and social gatherings. The area that could use a little boost involving all stakeholders in a collaborative process because we're not always meeting face to face.

Stakeholder training plan for the 5 standards – was signed by McGuire.

SIP Goals

11:21 A.M. Mrs. Anchell the goals are not due till November 20, 2015. The SIP is different because they structured it to follow the beyond expected student target format called "BEST". They're four (4) practices:

BEST practice 1, BEST practice 2, BEST practice 3, BEST practice 4

BEST practice 1 – focus on authentic Professional Learning Community (PLC) - We have monthly PLC meetings every second Wednesday of the month. PLC groups will discuss best practices of students, county guidelines that needs to mandate. It's very structure. It's our 3 year having this structure

BEST practice 2 – Response to Intervention (RTI) – is when a student is having difficulties and need a structure flow of support and intervention, we have that in place for them.

11:24 A.M. Ms. McGinty in response to BEST practice 2, we're going through the training with teachers to see how the district has the settings at a traditional school to make it work in an online environment. Come up with a plan to meet student's needs.

11:25 A.M. Mrs. Anchell Attendance is imperative. Would like SAC Committee to be involved of what is being input.

BEST practice 4 – scaling up best practices is in continuous improvement.

11:27 A.M. Mr. McGuire our Chief of School Performance and Accountability groups school by similar demographic data. Then compare student achievement based on similar schools. We're the largest Virtual School in Broward County, it's difficult to compare us with other in the districts. Mr. McGuire suggested use data from the virtual school around the state to benchmark ourselves against that. Should have a system in place for student and teacher performance like other schools.

11:28 A.M. Mr. Cacoulidis asked if there's any performance test where they could compare virtual school students to students attending a traditional school.

11:29 A.M. Mrs. Anchell responded, Broward Virtual School students take the Florida State Assessments (FSA), therefore, we are ranked against other schools in Broward.

11:29 A.M. Mr. McGuire our students out performs in traditional schools.

11:30 A.M. Mrs. Carr wanted to know if there were difficulties to get BVS in line with the goals with the changes

11:30 A.M. Mrs. Anchell yes, the Florida Standard Assessment was brand new to the district. Which is why we started our writing workshops for our students, to prepare

them. Will send out power point with explanations of the test in preparation for the ELA for our students. Our students has an advantage of taking ELA because our students are used to digital content.

11:32 A.M. Mr. McGuire issues that schools are facing, is the expectations of teachers are shifting quickly. We, Broward Virtual School, have a solid curriculum in place.

11:35 A.M. Ms. Paula Wagner is new to Broward Virtual School from Coral Glades High school. Ms. Wagner teaches Chemistry and Biology I.

AR/News ELA Demo – Mrs. Jennifer Pulitano

11:37 A.M. Mrs. Pulitano showed a presentation of **NEWSELA**. Found a website named, “Schoology”. Schoology is a facebook like website and is able to input all the curriculum. The Schoology app was downloaded in the i-pads that were purchased last year. Used last year approved funds for digital reading materials for our middle school students. May upload work/assignments on Schoology for grading. Ms. Pulitano may also uploads videos. Vocabulary app and graphic novel called, “Middle School Confidential”. Is reinforcing those standards through different types of reading. NEWSELA – nonfiction reading it takes live news throughout the country. Article may adjust based on student’s reading level.

11:42 A.M. Mrs. Anchell explanation of Lexile level. It’s taking their reading level and incorporating the text complexity of what the student’s actually reading and giving their scale. If you go on the common core website, they have a scale that will show you the range and it’s grade reading level.

11:43 A.M. Ms. Roberts – wanted to know what grade range?

11:43 A.M. Mrs. Anchell it’s a free download and for all grade levels.

11:44 A.M. Mrs. Pulitano explained the student and parent accounts are free. Teacher’s account does cost money. After students takes reading quizzes, the program will automatically adjust to the student’s reading level.

11:45 A.M. Mrs. Anchell compare and contrast feature explanation; students may read two different articles have the students compare and contrast them. This will be very helpful for students who are taking the SAT’s because it will teach the students how to read informational text.

11:46 A.M. Mr. McGuire explained that the highest Lexile levels are in technical manuals. Every student should have a range of a Lexile level that we’re targeting. The hire the better.

11:47 A.M. Mrs. Carr asked for another demo to make people aware of schoology and NEWSELA.

11:47 A.M. Mrs. Anchell schools in the district are using achieve 3000. It also gives them a Lexile.

11:49 A.M. Mrs. Pulitano it is user friendly. There’s a discussion feature, where students may connect to one another. Students are not have an issue switching from Educator/VSA to Schoology. Is available for students who are currently taking M/J Reading I.

11:56 A.M. Mrs. Anchell will create a document of how students/parents may sign up for an account.

11:57 A.M. Mrs. Pulitano Beep has a digital online text book that allows students to have access to what's already on Beep. And used short stories as a starting point for when the course began. Was linked and took them directly to the school's online system. It's all connected.

11:58 A.M. Mr. McGuire we used to have a reading course elective, M/J Reading I, which we lost that course from flvs. That is why we're using Schoology in replacement.

Student Activities/SIP Activities

12:00 P.M. Christopher Walker haunted house was a success. Key Club raised \$2,500 from the haunted house. Food drive is going well. Still collecting.

12:01 P.M. Mrs. Anchell BVS Bucks will host an illuminate session to brainstorm ideas for the prizes for BVS Bucks collected. BVS bucks are being distributed. 30 will be the maximum of BVS bucks. Will end in May.

Counselor Updates

12:03 P.M. Mr. McGuire Ms. Eloi coordinated college week, final week of October.

12:03 P.M. George Jr attended the Nova College fair. He's currently a 9th grader with BVS. Various colleges were present and were given great information and the different programs they offer.

12:04 P.M. Mr. McGuire during the writing workshop, it gave our seniors to fill out applications for college and FASA forms (financial aid). The intent is to not discourage students to apply for colleges.

12:05 P.M. Mrs. Carr pointed out if you want to use any money, you have to fill out a fasa application. Even for bright futures eligibility.

12:06 P.M. Mr. McGuire students are in preparation to send out transcripts to college thanks to Ms. Eloi.

12:07 P.M. Mrs. Carr inquired about the college fair, what colleges were in attendance.

12:08 P.M. Mr. Cacoulidis stated they were variety of colleges.

12:09 P.M. Mr. McGuire remind students about pace charts during the holidays that are coming up. If students want to start segment 2 before January, it must be discussed with teachers and come to an agreement.

Meeting adjourned 12:13 P.M. Mr. Maxwell 1st George Jr 2nd

Next Meeting: December 2, 2015

School Advisory Council AGENDA December 2,
2015 11 AM

Call to order/minutes approval 11:20 A.M. Ms. Anchell call to order. Welcomed the Bonilla Family, Lourdes and Carlos. Corinne Spencer – ESE Specialist.

11:54 A.M. Mr. Maxwell 1st, Nariah 2nd minutes approval. Principal's updates

11:22 A.M. Mr. McGuire 2nd semester enrollment is now open for Middle and High school students. The start date of the 2nd semester is January 11th. Guidance and ESE Specialist will be viewing student's applications, if they meet eligibility. We're working closely with the Home Education Department. Students leaving traditional schools then enroll with Home Education Program, not realizing they will not obtain a Diploma. We are reaching out to students who are currently seniors with Home Education notifying them that they will not receive a diploma. We're able notice those seniors in our CRC report that is run on a weekly base.

Administration is planning on meeting again with Home Education department regarding seniors enrolling and possibly become a BVS student. List of students who are enrolling with Home Education are sent to the schools, so they're aware what the students are doing.

Official SIP 2015/2016 approval

11:33 A.M. Ms. Anchell went over the SIP. The Self Assessment results are noted from November's minutes. Ms. Anchell briefly went through the SIP for our new members. Talked about the 4 BEST practice which were also noted in November's minutes (gave a brief presentation).

11:35 A.M. Mr. McGuire explained the PLC process, Professional Learning Community. We have monthly meetings, 2nd Wednesday of the month, with our teachers

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then break out into small groups based on their subject area. Stated the core courses may be a little more difficult. Result in higher achievement.

11:42 A.M. Mrs. Spencer Respond to Intervention. A way to identify students who are having trouble in certain areas, respond then assist. Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3. There's data, pre-test and post-test. If student made progress they'll stop the process. If no process, they move further for testing, come up with other interventions to make the child successful.

RTI Training – Ms. Lisa Patino

11:44 A.M. Mrs. Patino continued explaining a child being monitored using interventions. Decision is made based on the data. Referrals need to go through Basis,

which is an administrative tool that has data. It is an electronic record. Once referral is made on Basis, it will then go to principal and guidance counselor. Most of our RTI referral will be for behavioral reason verses academic. Will present all information to our teachers in next week's staff meeting.

11:47 A.M. Ms. Anchell BEST practice 3 Evidence and artifacts, will have to input information. This is due end of January 2016.

11:49 A.M. A motion to approve SIP plan. George Jr 1st and Mr. Maxwell 2nd. The "I's" have it. SIP plan approved on December 2, 2015 11:50am

11:50 A.M. Mr. McGuire briefly stated feedback from SAC committee and staff is imperative. Especially from a Virtual School.

A+ Money Proposal Vote

11:15 A.M. Ms.s Anchell went over the A+ funds, Florida School Recognition Program. Faculty will vote on the ballot that's on the bottom of today's the handout. Going over the 3 proposals:

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Broward Virtual School, A+ Funds- Florida School Recognition Program Official Ballot, 2015-2016

OPTION 1. 95% of the award will be distributed evenly to all staff members employed at the school during the 2014-2015 school year and who remain employed during the 2015-2016 school year, with 5% being awarded back to the school to use for student resources as determined by the School Advisory Council.

OPTION 2.

90% of the award will be distributed evenly to all staff members employed at the school during the 2014-2015 school year and who remain employed during the 2015-2016 school year, with 10% being awarded back to the school to use for student resources as determined by the School Advisory Council.

OPTION 3.

None of the Above

We currently don't have our school grade, we only have data. However, it is imperative to have a plan in place.

12:03 P.M. Ms. Anchell scratched number 2 proposal and adjust to 90% staff 10% school.

12:09 P.M Mr. McGuire exclaimed to SAC committee, money that goes towards our school, goes to student activities. (At this time A+ money was being discussed, members around the table needed clarification for the purpose of the A+ money)

12:15 P.M. Ms. Anchell official vote on the A+ ballot. Keep number 1 the same 95% staff and 5% to school, adding, “For student resources as determine by the school advisory council”, for option 1 & 2. Change number 2 to 90% for staff and 10% for school.

12:16 P.M. all in attendance are in favor for A+ proposal.

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Student Activities/SIP activities

Update BVS buck prize pyramid 12:17 P.M. Ms. Anchell went through the prize pyramid for BVS bucks. Gift cards to amazon or target 35-40 \$100 31-34 \$75 26-30 \$50 21-25 \$25 16-20 \$20 11-15 \$15 5-10 \$10 1-4 pizza party

We will have a pizza prize party in May and prizes will be awarded for BVS bucks. 12:25 P.M. Micah suggested i-tunes gift card. It will be in consideration. 12:26 P.M. George Jr – attended the last writing workshop.

12:26 P.M. Micah also attended. Was really helpful for upcoming testing 12:26 P.M. Ms. Anchell stated Micah wrote a paper using the outline that was used in the

writing workshop. 12:27 P.M. Mr. McGuire – Giving feedback on the writing assessment. Workshop is teaching students how to write in the “real world”. Two more writing workshops left. February will be a big workshop. 12:29 P.M. Mrs. Krug – had a science lab after the writing workshop for grades 6-12. Had CCHS science teacher observing lab. Race for the birds will be in May. 12:30 P.M. Mrs. Carr asked if there’s a calendar online with the activities? 12:31 P.M. Ms. Anchell suggested that in the beginning of the month, a calendar to be sent out of all activities for the month. 12:33 P.M. Mr. McGuire mentioned to post on our BVS facebook page. 12:44 P.M. Chiara performed last month. Sold out show. Broward Center of the performance arts. 12:45 P.M. Christopher did a project for the SOS Children Village, Atlantic Rail Road. Train engineering. SOS is foster home for children.

Meeting adjourned 12:47 P.M Next Meeting January 6, 2015

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**School Advisory Council
AGENDA
January 6, 2016
11 AM**

➤ **Call to Order/Minutes Approval**

11:04 A.M. Ms. Anchell meeting call to order. At this time we're viewing the minutes for approval.

11:07 A.M. Mr. Maxwell 1st & Mrs. Patino 2nd a motioned to approve the minutes.

➤ **Principal's Updates**

11:07 A.M. Mr. McGuire welcomed back everyone from the Holiday break. Welcomed Aiden Ridley, a 7th grader with Broward Virtual School to the SAC meeting. Great News, graduation rate is at 95.3%. It's gone up 3% from previous year. In a 4 year trend, 2010/2011 was 72.4%. A 22% increase in 4 years. It's our jobs that students graduate and are prepared for college and career workforce. We're making our contributions to the world by sending students prepared. Especially our High School students because they're learning how to manage time in addition to engaging in the academic content. That is the key to success in college, to manage your time and being on time to class, studying, etc. All has to do with the partnership between teachers and parents. When worked together as a team we get good results. This is our highest graduation rate ever. Thanks to Ms. Eloi for keeping track of our seniors students. District graduation percentage went up as well. State average is just shy of 80%. School grade is closer to being calculated. The state released a simulation report. We have enough points to get an "A" grade base on test performance, graduation rate, middle school acceleration, students taking AP courses and passing exams, students taking dual enrollment courses and passing. There's an issue with the percentage of students tested. Have to test 95% of full students to qualify for an "A" grade. Right now they have us at 89%. Our data is still being corrected. Pin point to EOC exams.

11:14 A.M. Mr. McGuire if student is getting an 80% or better passed the content, they're able to take the EOC exams. Students are not sometimes ready to take the exams. State is recognizing that there's a glitch in the data and we're working to correct it. We have a plan in place for students who did not do well which is part of our SIP plan. We've started orientation for 2nd semester full time enrollment.

➤ **A+ Results**

11:17 A.M. Ms. Anchell we had our vote during our last faculty meeting. Almost 100% faculty voted. Option 1 was voted over 80%. 5% towards the school will be discussed once school grades are out.

Up-coming writing workshops: January – optional, also students may earn their segment collaboration for English, they'll be doing group work together and February – is mandatory or they'll receive a "0" grade in English.

Introduced Ms. Leah Miller and will discuss briefly about the writing workshops.

11:19 A.M. Mr. McGuire there's a tradeoff for attending the February workshop. We decided not to administer the benchmark assessment test. Instead of 3 days of testing, we're making one small window where students have to be here to be prepare to take the exam.

➤ **Writing Workshops – Leah Miller**

11:19 A.M. Ms. Miller is presenting an outline of what they cover during the writing workshop. Outlining of what they've covered each month. A little challenging with this type of writing preparation because they have to do reading in order to write. Make sure to have time for them to read passages in order to apply in their writing. All elements are covered. Students will split into groups, they'll go through the sample essays, check off what does appear and what doesn't appear, they'll go back and revise the paragraph. All materials that are given out, students keep and is helpful.

11:24 A.M. Mr. McGuire how many are they presented with before they make the counter claims and claims?

11:24 A.M. Ms. Miller they're given about 3 articles to read and that's part of the grade level differences, how many words they have to read. Sometimes if they're an argumentative, they're might be 4 articles. The 4th one might be graphic that gives statistics. It's all informational text.

11:26 A.M. Mrs. Krug noticed improvements in students who attends the workshops from 1st semester to 2nd semester. Referred to the science courses, that students has to find the facts and support the facts.

11:27 A.M. Ms. Anchell we're preparing students for the test but also giving them the service of improving their writing techniques.

11:27 A.M. Mr. McGuire briefly explaining the difference from the FCAT writing and the new FSA writing. Knowing the difference between formal writing and informal writing.

➤ **FSA Power Point**

11:32 A.M. Ms. Anchell power point training will be sent to families, showing them where to go for test items and examples of reading and math. Students should take 1-2 practice test on their own on the FSAssessment portal before they take the test in April. It is a great tool to keep families informed. 10th graders, is a requirement to pass the writing and reading and is a graduation requirement. If not, students will have to retake it the following year. Stakes are really high for 10th graders.

11:35 A.M. Mr. McGuire there are 2 components; the writing and reading. If student misses, there's no score at all. It's the same test even though it's two different test.

➤ **Student Activities/SIP Activities**

National Honor Society

11:37 A.M. Ms. Wasser BVS English Teacher and National Honor Society Sponsor. Their goal is to get more involvement with the whole student body. Started on one project and was successful which, is the Mentor Program. During orientation, some of the NHS members would speak to new students about online school, gave them opportunity to ask questions and would sign up, if they were interested in having a mentor. Mentioned Chiara, who's new with BVS, signed up with NHS. She was paired with a BVS student and has develop a great relationship with Skylar. Another project the NHS students are doing is going to a school that's near their home and volunteering monthly. Working on service projects, raise money to do things for the school.

11:39 A.M. Mr. McGuire mentioned that BVS has been trying to get the Mentorship Program going and congratulated Ms. Wasser for making it happen.

➤ **Counselor updates**

11:41 A.M. Mrs. Patino Thank Ms. Wasser for the Mentorship Program. 2nd semester application still open, still registering new students. Mrs. Patino and Ms. Eloi are sending weekly updates regarding up coming testing.

11:43 A.M. Mr. McGuire will bring back honor roll to recognize students.

11:45 A.M. Aiden briefly talked about his experience with BVS. Talked about his pace chart and is coming on campus every day to do his online class

11:45 A.M. George Jr. started segment 2 classes this week.

11:46 A.M. Mrs. McCutcheon student acknowledgement Sofia Shenard, BVS student, just received a letter from the U.S. Skating Olympic Team letting us know that Sofia will be in Minnesota for a competition. She was in 2nd place which qualify her in the one of the top 4 in the Olympic for figure skating.

11:48 A.M. Mr. McGuire "Plugged in" newsletter for faculty and will expand to students eventually, thanks to Ms. Anchell.

11:49 A.M. George Jr suggested media broadcast

11:49 A.M. Mr. McGuire Pdf video

11:50 A.M. Mrs. Krug possible field trip, engineering for kids. Race for the birds count in the middle of May.

11:51 A.M. Mr. McGuire we will try to make another attempt for an end of the year field trip

11:52 A.M. Aiden mentioned the race for the birds, park in plantation preserve. Found 25 birds within 90 minutes.

11:57 A.M meeting adjourned. Mr. Maxwell 1st Mrs. Patino 2nd.

Next Meeting February 3, 2016

**School Advisory Council
AGENDA
February 3, 2016
11 AM**

➤ **Call to Order / Minutes Approval**

11:09 A.M. Ms. Anchell call to order

11:09 A.M. Mr. Maxwell 1st, Mr. Calcoulidis 2nd , minutes approved

➤ **Principal's Updates**

11:11 A.M. Mr. McGuire announced Coconut Creek School National Signing Day. Students are looking into committing to Universities. Coconut Creek has about seven athlete students that are getting full scholarships. ESPN was on campus highlighting one of the nations top high school football player. He is deciding between Universities. Good luck to whom he decides to go with. Programmatically, Coconut Creek High School will be going through changes within the next school year. This will include our full time students. Coconut Creek High School will be a Magnet School in which our full time students will be able to participate. More technical certification programs from Atlantic Tech expanding the magnet high school program so more students can participate and will split into groups from this campus and to Atlantic Tech. Also, dual enrollment with Broward College north area campus. Honor roll certificate were mailed out for 1st semester grades along with a letter recognizing the students. Kyle Politto, 12th grade, was accepted to Florida Internation University (FIU). Our graduation location changed from Nova High Schoolto Dillard High

School. June 3rd at 6:30pm. Recognized Ms. Eloi, our high school counselor, for her hard work and efforts for our students.

At this time we're presenting a gift to our Guidance team in recognition for Guidance Counselor week.

➤ **DOE School Grading Changes**

11:20 A.M. Mr. McGuire School Accountability rules. We are still waiting for our school grade for the 2014/2015 school year. The functioning of our School Advisory Council is to monitor school improvement. School grading has changed because of the new exams being administered. This is the last year seniors may take the FCAT. 5 high school courses required End of Course Exams (EOC); Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History. This is the first year ELL's are included in learning gains. School grading components must assess 95% of students to earn an "A" grade. Students are coded properly.

(At this point, Mr. McGuire is presenting the general components of how schools are graded)

(Recognized Ms. Eloi and Sue Fankhauser – IMS, for data correction)
We're considered a combination school because we have middle and high students. As mentioned in previous meeting, we worked on fixing our data, because it stated we only tested 89% of our students. Student performance and achievement has a big to do for our school grade. Lastly, stated a school grade is important for the following reasons: marketing the school, reflect the quality of the teaching and for when parents are considering options for their students, they want to know the school grades.

➤ **Accreditation Training/Artifacts**

11:39 A.M. Ms. Anchell accreditation update. Next year the district is going through the accreditation process, most likely our school will be under a "microscope" from the team. They're 5 standards that was discussed in October meeting. For each indicator, we're providing artifacts that would represent the best way for our school. It is still in the works. Next training will be in February.

➤ **School Website Redesign**

11:40 A.M. Mr. McGuire will redesign our website. We're open with ideas/input. We're working with someone within the district. Looking to have the new website in April. Would include a site map, search feature, etc.

11:40 A.M. Mr. Calcoulidis will like to contribute towards our new website.

11:41 A.M. Mr. Calcoulidis suggested links sometimes don't work. Recommended a 2nd component like a updated feature. Suggested to have a person outside/inside to do continuous updates at least once a week.

11:43 A.M. Mr. McGuire agreed with Mr. Calcoulidis recommendation. Our audience are students and parents.

11:45 A.M. Ms. Anchell redirected to the school improvement plan. Focus on math as academical.

➤ **School Improvement Plan**

***Math Academic Goal**

11:45 A.M. Mr. Koegel on SIP. The cut scores was proposed on January 6, has not been approved yet. Evidence in the SES band data, focus on student achievement, based on most recent EOC scores, Broward Virtual School's Algebra and Geometry subject areas will be the focus for improving student achievement. Best practice; Broward Virtual Math team will us their professional learning community collaboration time to improve student learning. Will be shared in a collaborative approach. Parent/guardians will be provided with a FSA learning training guide. District does offers workshop. Math wiki is available to our teachers. Networking with other math teachers to use different materials/resources for students. Describe how BEST practice will be scaled on? Algebra I & II and Geometry teams will provide instructional videos to their students based on EOC standards. Videos are password protected. This is 30% of the grade. Algebra I is a requirement for graduation. SCMHOOP – students has username and password, teachers are able to track students. Other resources are available through BEEP and FLVS, all will be on presentation. Instructional implications – discuss the success of specific strategies and activities and provide a rational as to why those academics improvements occurred. The math team use similar practice in the past and EOC proficiencies rates succeed state results. Improve what they use in the past.

11:51 AM. Mr. Caloudis asked when those resources will be sent out

11:51 A.M. Mr. Koegel stated very soon. Suggested it should be sent when it's close towards testing, in March.

11:51 AM. Ms. Anchell suggested in February.

11:52 A.M. Mr. Koegel materials will be sent out now. Videos will be on March. It's created in Blackboard collaborate will be converted to MP4.

11:52 A.M. George Jr talked about his Biology class, his instructor gives out work sheets counts for a grade. Suggested that could possibly help in Algebra and other EOC courses.

11:53 A.M. Mr. McGuire targeting specifically areas. Our students did very well in Algebra I, over 80% obtain a proficiency level. Algebra II is a brand new test. Geometry was retooled for the new standards. It is also counts 30% of the grade.

➤ **Florida Students Educational Resources for Learning**
(www.floridastudents.org/#)

11:55 A.M. Mr. McGuire at this time Mr. McGuire is showing a presentation, using math as an example. The purpose of this website is to assist students in the EOC and FSA exams.

➤ **Student Activities / SIP Activities**

***Science Activities (Water Day)- M. Krug**

12:06 P.M. Mrs. Krug water day for all grades. Victor Suarez, Naturescape Broward Education Specialist. Sent out information to middle schools. Victor suggested, native landscaping, for march 12, 2016, at 9:00am. Over 50 booths and workshops. Tree top park is a great place to go birding first at 8am then landscaping. It is great for service hours and Silver Knight. February 29, 2016 after writing test, "Engineering for Kids" will come on campus, will have a workshop on how to build a flashlight. This is a middle school student program. The cost will be \$13 per student. Payment will be accepted on our website, pay by February 22, 2016. If we get a good turnout, we could have other activities for students. All are based on student participation.

12:11 P.M. Ms. Anchell National Junior Honor Society update on behalf of Ms. Pulitano. Will do a pantry for our lab students for snacks, jackets/clothing.

***National Honor Society/Fund Request**

12:12 P.M. Mrs. Wasser following up on last month. They had club meeting, deciding on a school picnic, open to all grades and BVS staff. Family are welcomed! Need to rent space, March 13th, 2016. Vista View

Park. The Shelter rental cost is \$110 for the weekend. Mrs. Wasser is requesting funds from the SAC committee to help pay for the shelter rental for the picnic so everyone may attend.

12:13 P.M. Mr. Calcoulidis 1st and George Jr 2nd made a motion to approve funds towards picnic rental.

Proposed in the amount up to \$1,000.00 for the NHS picnic. All in favor. A motion granted in the amount up to \$1,000.00 for the NHS picnic

12:12 P.M. Mr. Maxwell and calcaoulidis made a A question was asked regarding food, will do a pot luck. Goal is to get all students together, get a

12:15 P.M. Anchell we do have funds. Encourage to ask for more funds.

***Math Club/Fund Request- D. Klein**

12:15 P.M. Mrs. Klein requesting funds for math team. Was able to collect money that covered team t-shirts. They have competitions and awards ceremonies at the end of the year. Every time they have a math team meeting, students are awarded points. And at the end of the school year, they'll count the points and whoever received the most points will get an award.

Proposed in the amount of \$500.00 towards the Broward Virtual School math team sponsored by Mrs. Klein.

Mr. Koegel 1st and Mrs. Krug 2nd. All in favor in.

A motion granted, in the amount of \$500.00 for the BVS math team.

➤ Counselor Updates

12:24 P.M. Ms. Eloi middle school testing going on. Today was the last day

12:24 P.M. Ms. Eloi testing season now. Starting in the end of February till the end of the school year. Free SAT test paid by the district for 11th graders. ACT for 12th grade students which is the college entrance exam to qualify for scholarships. May use those same scores for graduation standards for the FSA's. If students did not passed the FSA, students may use ACT scores.

Students must pass writing and language arts in 10th grade to receive one (1) score, in order to meet the graduation requirements.

➤ Next Meeting: March 2, 2016