

MINUTES

South Broward High School School Advisory Council (SAC)

Date: August 27, 2018

Closeout Meeting 2017-2018

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Gutzmore at 3:03 p.m. at South Broward High School in the Media Center.

Reading and Disposition of Minutes

Dr. Gutzmore welcomed all attendees to the closeout SAC meeting for the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Gutzmore asked everyone to review the April 23, 2018 minutes.

The minutes approval was tabled until we could meet quorum, and we proceeded to the Principal's report by Ms. Awofadeju.

Principal's Report

- Ms. Awofadeju welcomed everyone to the first SAC meeting of the year. She stated that we had completed 9 days of school so far and this is her 7th year here as Proud Principal of SBHS. She introduced her administration team, lead by Mr. O'Toole as second in command. Ms. Awofadeju introduced our newest Assistant Principal, Ms. Sherba, from Nova High School, where she served as math coach and math teacher. Ms. Sherba will be the administrator over the Math Department and 9th grade students. Ms. Itzkowitz will be the administrator over our English Language Learners (ELL), ESE, and Gifted Departments, and our 10th grade students. Please sign up for the weekly email blasts from Ms. Itzkowitz, which are sent out every Thursday. Mr. Winburn will be the administrator over our Science Department and our 11th grade students, and Mr. Saunders will be the administrator over the Social Studies Department and our 12th grade students. This year we will have 5 Assistant Principals, due to our growth, along with 5 Guidance Counselors, led by Ms. Dixon. Ms. Awofadeju then shared that South Broward will be hosting early voting day tomorrow, August 28, in our gym.
- Ms. Awofadeju shared that this year our staff were dressed in blue for the first day back for professional development, in honor of our school being recognized last year as a Nationally Certified Magnet School by the Magnet Schools of America for our Marine Maritime Magnet Program. Thank you to Mrs. Hixon for her leadership of this Program. We are the only Nationally Certified Magnet High School in Broward County. The Five Pillars for the recognition include:
 - Diversity
 - Innovative Curriculum
 - Academic Excellence
 - High Quality Instructional Systems
 - Strong Family and Community Partnerships
- Ms. Awofadeju stated that our current student enrollment is at 2,200 and we are projecting an enrollment of 2,303. We are waiting on the list of reassignments of over 100 students. We are over our projection by 14 students. Usually after Labor Day we have an additional 40 students to enroll. We will see if this is the case this year as we projected 2350. This will have us right at our projected numbers.
- Ms. Awofadeju introduced our new Student Government Advisor, Mr. March is the new SGA Advisor as well as the new Assistant Athletic Director. Mr. March has Homecoming Week set for October 22-26, with the first quarter alumni breakfast on Wednesday, October 24 in the media center at 8am. South Broward uses the money raised from the breakfast for special initiatives, such as the band visiting New York City last year and helping the football team to travel. This year we will ask for more donations from our alumni. The Homecoming Football game will be on Friday, October 26.
- Ms. Awofadeju gave the SMART Initiative update on the General Obligation Bond. Of the \$100,000 of School Choice funds that were allotted, the project in the auditorium has been completed. We now have a new sound system, speakers, microphones, and control board that were installed in the auditorium. We are only awaiting on the upgrade to the classrooms, which includes the lapel microphones and projectors. The dollars utilized from the removal of the soak tubs in the training rooms will be paid from the district. We will then make our purchase.

- Under the SMART Initiative, we had our Safety walkthrough with our Safety Team, and we are awaiting the construction of our Single Point of Entry, to be completed by 12/2018. We have the plans in the back of media center for anyone wishing to review them.
- Ms. Awofadeju announced that we have staffing vacancies in Marine Mechanics and Math, and she is working on hiring. In the meantime, the Department Chairs and other teachers are assisting in creating lesson plans.
- The current SAC Accountability Funds balance is \$10,700.50. Additional monies should come in after the October FTE (where we receive \$5 per student) which will be approximately an additional \$11,000 coming in.
- Family connection with Naviance- Ms. Awofadeju explained this is an individualized, Interactive Software System for all students to plan their post-secondary lives. She would like all families to login and spend time exploring this as this will assist in planning college selections and matching students to schools with relevant majors of study. Students can connect their test scores and monitor if they are on track for the college/university of their choice. This is considered a “Career and Education Planning Course”. Naviance also has links for scholarships and Road Trip Nation. Everyone should help encourage students to maximize their study hall periods to research schools and careers, and monitor their grades in Pinnacle. Ms. Awofadeju asked that parents review their child’s planner with them each day, monitor Pinnacle each day, and reach out to teachers as needed, (teachers have a 24 hour rule to respond to inquiries).
- Ms. Awofadeju announced that, for safety reasons, the student drop-off and pick up for students is on Shenandoah Street. There is one exception, if students are in after-school activities, the club sponsor or coach may tell you to pick up students under the noodle, by the pool, etc. We must close all gates at 3:10pm. Students must wear their ID Badges at all times. Picture day is September 13th and 14th.
- Ms. Awofadeju concluded her report and asked for questions; however, none were presented. In closing, Ms. Awofadeju reported our school grade information from the State of Florida: A total of 1000 points can be earned and we earned 497/1000=50%, earning us a “C”, where the “C” scale is 41% to 53%. Our graduation rate was 93%, an increase of 1%.

Dr. Gutzmore introduced herself as the Assessment Specialist, Veranice Smith as her SAC Co-chair, and Mr. Consbruck as SAC Secretary.

Ms. Babok moved to accept the April 23, 2018 SAC minutes as written. Ms. Feldman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business

SIP Plan

- Mr. Sheppard, representing Ms. Noval, Math Department Chair, explained that we expected EOC scores to go down and they did, which was still disappointing. However, learning gains of the lowest 25% went up 10 points.
- Ms. Stanchak explained that we had a 6 point increase in reading, and she has revised the literacy plan, whereby the Language Arts Department will monitor student progress during the year.
- The Science Department reported a 52% passing rate, which was not what was expected. The science department expects an increase by 6 points next year, focusing on ESOL students, using the Science Honor Society and pullouts in study halls. Ms. Espinoza was added as an AP Chemistry teacher. Two new teachers were added in Science, including Mr. Scudder, who taught at SBHS for 17 years, and will also sponsor the SECME Club. Dr. Torres, a podiatrist, will teach Anatomy and Physiology, and took over Mr. Bueno’s courses.
- For Social Studies, Mr. Brown reported a 6% increase in scores, with a 91% passing rate for his top teacher. They are studying historical pieces and debates, using USA Testprep and PLC peer planning. They added 3 new teachers, and 2 students scored perfect scores on their end of year assessments.
- In Foreign Languages, Ms. Kozolchik reported that she has the same staff as last year.
- In Fine Arts, Ms. Ostheim supervises band, drama, visual arts, photography and sculpture. They have a new teacher, Ms. Street, who is teaching video production and drama classes. Ricardo Equilin is our new Band Director. Ms. Awofadeju thanked Ms. Ostheim for being a leader in building the Fine Arts Department. Keeping the Arts in Education is extremely important to her.
- In Cambridge exams, we had 1615 entries, with a 60% passing rate, 51 students earned their AICE diplomas, and 45 students qualified for the Bright Future Scholarship through Cambridge. Victoria Mejia earned her Cambridge

diploma in only 2 years. For the AP exam results, 368 students took 462 exams, we had a 40% passing rate, and new this year is the AP Chemistry Exam.

- Dr. Gutzmore reported that the acceleration rate, dual enrollment, Cambridge, and AP courses, only count towards the Senior cohort from the year before. She reported that 47% of graduating seniors had earned college credits or industry certification, through Cambridge, dual enrollment, early admissions, AP, and industry certifications. We had a 49% passing rate on the Industry Certification exams.

Funds Request

Mr. Sheppard reported that for funds requests, the Math Department would like to start tutoring next week. Last year we had requested \$3500, and the department would like to request \$3,500 again to start tutoring right after Labor Day. Dr. Gutzmore asked for a motion for the Math Department to receive \$3500 for tutoring, Ms. Feldman moved to accept the \$3500, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

School wide initiatives

- Ms. Smith (Behavior Specialist) shared that the Positive Behavior Plan will be incorporating P.A.R., for Professional Accountable and Respectable, rewarding students with various incentives.
- For the Literacy Initiative, Ms. Stanchak reported that we will be using word of day, and content word walls, with specific words in subject area, and push-ins during study hall reading activities.
- Ms. Patino reported that the Cambridge Department attended the Cambridge Conference in Miami over the summer. The English General Paper criteria is changing, it is now 2 exams. The Cambridge Department is now offering Information Technology, taught by Mr. Koch, and Economics, taught by Ms. Arteché. Cambridge Fall retakes will be available for those not passing the exams, for a \$95 fee. September 18th is the deadline for applying. Ms. Saiz is teaching Sociology and Ms. Street is teaching Media Studies.
- Mr. Sheppard reported that PASL, the personalization for academic and social emotional learning, through the district, provides strategies and activities for freshmen. This year every freshman is in a PASL study hall class, and we will be starting to initiate activities after Labor Day weekend. This is a huge undertaking and he thanked everyone who is helping with the program. Naviance changed, it is now “Naviance Student”, not “Family Connection” anymore. We will be working through study halls to introduce the program and get students working on it again.

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- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays were historically for math tutoring.
- Mr. Winburn announced that the online forms for parents to sign are new this year. Parents can sign forms online this year at browardschools.com/bts, and parents need to print the verification form when completed and send back to school with their child by Thursday or Friday.
- The PSAT signup is available, we have 70 waivers or students can pay \$16.
- If anyone wants to join SAC, the next meeting is 9/24.

Upcoming Events

- 8/29-30 Positive Behavior Assemblies
- 9/3 No School – Labor Day
- 9/4 Open House @ 6:00 PM
- 9/8 ACT
- 9/10 No School – Rosh Hashanah
- 9/13-14 Student Picture Day, freshmen have silhouette on badge, everyone needs to wear id,
- 9/11-28 FSA ELA & EOC Retakes
- 9/17 1st Quarter Interims
- 9/19 No School – Yom Kippur

Next SAC Meeting: Monday, September 24, 2018

Ms. Awofadeju motioned to end the meeting, Ms. Babok seconded the motion.
Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:11 pm.

Secretary _____
Duane Consbruck

Co-Chair _____
Dr. Lara Gutzmore

Co-Chair _____
Veranice Smith

Date Approved _____