**Apollo Middle School**

***“Unleash Your Inner Superhero”***

**School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting 2016-2017**

**Minutes**

 **Sept. 21, 2016 6:00PM**

**Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by co-chair Angela Clark.

Co-chair Bajwa asked those in attendance to review the minutes from the Aug. 31, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Vergara to accept the minutes with the corrections. Mrs. Suganya seconded.

Ms. Clark said the SAC accreditation artifacts were submitted and scored above a 3.5 in most categories on a scale of 4.0. The artifacts were submitted by Mr. Symonette, Mr. Thompson and Ms. WB put the submission together. Clark said Apollo will be having a site visit from Southern Association of College and Schools soon.

During the principal’s report, Ms. Aycock said Title 1 Night is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 13 at 6:30 in the KIVA. The focus of the night is College Readiness and Career Planning with a software program called Naviance. Ms. Aycock said it is “Never too early to start” students planning for college and career.

Ms. Bajwa said the upcoming events include a school wide event on Thursdsay, Oct. 6 to encourage students to join clubs. Teachers and sponsors will be at the event.

Clark, said extracurricular activities increase graduation rates when the student in involved in an extracurricular club or group.

Mr. Symonette said he is working on Hispanic Heritage month that is scheduled for the end of October. The club is trying to put together a performance and Hispanic Unity is sponsoring the event.

Hispanic Unity will also be sponsoring a Healthy living poster contest, Mr. Symonette said.

Clark, the 21st Century director, said she is still getting emails about student applications. She said the program has more 80 students on the roster. About 50 students per day are in regular attendance.

After school during in the 21st Century program, Berna Hernandez met with students to talk about Social Emotional Learning and communications. During the program, Mr. Jackson also works with students who play Chess or are learning to play Chess. Other activities of the 21st Century program include STEM based lessons and homework activities. Clark said she copied the students’ Interim report cards to keep track of grades of student involved in 21st program.

On Sept. 21, there was a PTSA meeting scheduled after the SAC meeting and parents in attendance were encouraged to attend.

In Unfinished Business the floor was opened for discussion from those in attendance.

Principal Ms. Aycock said this year, the BPA qualified for the national convention and placed at the national convention last year. She said past conventions were held in Boston, Mass., and Anaheim, Calif.., and will be in Orlando this year. Other business discussed included early release, field day, and a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser to benefit BPA.

In new business, an electronic digital marquee was discussed. According to several in attendance, the price tag of the marquee is roughly $10,000 to $15,000. Ms. Vergara said she knows of a school that sold advertising on the marquee to raise money to assist with covering the cost of a marquee in addition to a school grant that was awarded to do it.

In other business, a Family fundraiser night was discussed to benefit the school. Ms. Clark said she will be asking local business owners to invest back in the school and building relationship with them.

Ms. Aycock said the bond money could be used to give the library a much needed refresh. “That’s what I want for our children here,” she said. Ms. Aycock said she visited Falcon Cove and would like to have a library refresh similar to the westside school.

Ms. Clark said she will be visiting the Pembroke Lakes Mall to ask business owners to donate products to use as learning incentives for the students. She also said she will be talking with various community leaders about building relationships in the community to build connections for donations.

A partnership with Ft. Laud museum and Kennedy Space Center was also discussed.

During the discussion, a parent suggested a Letter Writing Campaign to build relationships in the community.

The Rocket’s Soccer team was also discussed. During the last game, the Boys Soccer Team won 8 to 0 won; and the girls won, 4 to 0.

 Tracy D made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Suganya.