

James S. Rickards Middle School

School SAC Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2018

Welcome.

Call to Order

- A meeting of Rickards Middle School Advisory Council was held in the media center on November 14, 2018. Chair Ms. Wright called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Mrs. Torres will record the minutes for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- October minutes approved by Mrs. Balog and Mr. Wongsam.

Treasurer Report

- Funds reported are a total of \$5339.00.

BTU Report

- Ms. Ward and Ms. Ellis are the BTU representatives. They open their floor for any concerns. A Townhall meeting at the BTU center will be held on November 27 at 4:45 pm.

City of Oakland Park

- Halloween Bash Event was successful with over 1500 candy bags given, more than 3000 children attended.
- Antique Walk had shuttle buses and was also a success.
- A Climate Change Action Plan to improve infrastructure with the cities of Oakland Park and Wilton Manors is being developed. Meeting will be held on November 15 at 6pm.
- Winter Camp will be hosted by the city from December 26 through January 7 at the North Andrews Recreational Center.
- Holiday Village runs from November 30 to December 2 at the Jaco Pastorius Park, with vendors, food court, cash bar, Santa and more.
- Community Soul event will take place on January 18, 2019.
- Youth Day will be March 9, 2019.
- Mr. Donnelly informed that the City of Oakland Park Parks and Recreation has a Reciprocal Agreement with Oakland Park schools and no charge is generated when using their facilities, a check for ~~\$148~~ \$145 was refunded due to last year 8th grade picnic event.

Hispanic Heritage Month

- Sergio Pena prepared a presentation with an overall scope of the Hispanic Heritage Month lead by Mr. Vela and the students.

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- Math -Ms. Folkes: Math Club first competition will be on November 20 at Olsen Middle School. 6th Grade have finished Division of fractions moving to ratios. 7th grade is finished with

Properties of Operation of rational numbers. 8th grade is finished with Functions. Algebra classes are testing on functions. Geometry is finished with Proofs and Triangular Congruence. Rocket Launchers are in the process of being selected by teachers. Midterms will be held from December 18- 21, 2018. Parents are being encouraged to use the electronic resources used by the school, such as iReady, CPalms, myHRW, Khan Academy.

- Science – Ms. Balog: On November 3, medical students from NSE had a presentation regarding smoking prevention for the science classes. The Oakland Park Fire Department had a presentation about fire. On November 28, the Math and Science departments will have the STEM Family Night at 5:30pm. Science Success camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Literacy – Ms. Stitt: Reading classes are using Achieve 3000, which uses students' reading levels and assigns tasks according to their levels. Reading classes are ending the Cycle 2. ELA classes are finished writing informative essays, now they have started with argumentative writing. 6th and 7th grade students "buried" overused words with their synonym families. Students also wrote creative scary stories. 8th grade students read "Monkey Paw". MPM letters went home with the report cards to inform parents regarding skill levels.
- Social Studies – Mr. Wongsam: Field trips planned for 8th grade are to J. A. World for financial literacy and 7th grade will be going to the Historical Society and Riverboat cruise. All social studies classes are finished with Unit 3 and will have a test on Friday. Teachers are also prepared to select the 20 students that will be targeted for Rocket Launchers.
- Diversified Arts- Ms. McClendon: Spanish classes prepared a great Hispanic Night along with the Art classes, Student Council, Rickards Band, and NJHS. The Harvest Drive was successful, Mr. Wongsam had the most food collected. Yearbook is being submitted by next week. Peer Counseling is working on antibullying and using SEL strategies. Art classes are preparing their Winter Show. Robotics Night will be held December 5. Basketball games start next week. Volleyball is preparing. Band continues to prepare for its Disney presentation with a fundraiser in combination with the bakery "La Rosa de Guadalupe". With each cake sold, the bakery will donate \$5. Cakes range from \$13-\$29. A Rickards Band Concert will be held on December 14 at 7pm. Piano Recital at Barnes and Nobles on December 18. It will be a fundraiser with giftwrapping with a donation. This year, The National Anthem Club has been performing the National Anthem every Monday at Rickards Middle School.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Collado wants to thank the new teachers for being so active and involved in the school.
- PTSA and the Veteran's Dinner was very interesting with WWII veteran and a Holocaust survivor, Officer Osbourne and the Cadets.
- The single point entry is under review, they are hiring a contractor. We have spent \$100,000 of the School Choice money. \$2400 are still to be spent, possibly a screen or sound for the KEVA.
- New marquee sign was installed.
- The Cadet Program provide service for the school.

Request for Vote

- Request for "Positive Behavior" rewards implemented this year, in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Accountability Funds.

- Motion by Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mr. Donnelly.

Request for Funds for Science Department

- Request for funds in the amount of \$1000 for the Science Project proposed by the science teachers.
- Motion to approve by Ms. Folkes, seconded by Mrs. Carter. Unanimous vote.

Next meeting

- Next meeting will be held on December 12 at 6 pm in the media center.

Motion Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Ms. Folkes, seconded by Mr. Collado at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Maria Torres

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval date: