

James S. Rickards Middle School

SAC Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019

Welcome

Call to Order

- A meeting of the Rickards Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on January 16, 2019. Co-chair, Mr. Sohn called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The call to order was seconded by Mr. Wongsam. Ms. Samuel is announced as new SAC Secretary and recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- December minutes required no corrections and were approved by Mr. Sohn and seconded by Mr. Nicholas.

Treasurer's Report

- Fund reported by Mr. Sohn at \$5,339, however Dr. Collado confirmed that there is an estimated \$13,000. The funds will be utilized to continue funding Homework HELP, afterschool programs, and academic camps. \$1,000 will be allocated towards positive behavior to purchase rewards.

Broward Teacher's Union (BTU)

- Mrs. Ellis, the BTU Representative, provided the following union updates:
 - There will be a townhall meeting at 4:45 pm on January 23, 2019 at the BTU headquarters.
 - There will be an explanation of teacher benefits on January 24, 2019 at BTU headquarters.
 - BTU members are invited to attend the Florida Panther's hockey game on February 1, 2019. Tickets range from \$19 - \$58.
 - There is currently no update on teacher contract negotiations.

City of Oakland Park

- Mr. Donnelly provided updates on behalf of the city.
 - The city's 2019 campaign is "Recycle Often, Recycle Right". Updates will be provided on this campaign.
 - "Student of the Quarter" awards were held, recognizing students in the community.
 - Silent zones for trains are being instituted, however train horns will sound if there is an imminent threat.
 - The city has been awarded a safe route to school grant. The grant will fund areas around Lloyd Estates Elementary, constructing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bicycle safety, etc.
 - City Hall will be closed on January 21, 2019 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be an event at Collins Community Center to commemorate the life of Dr. King.
 - Community Soul Celebration will be held January 18, 2019 at Jaco Pastorius Park 6:00 pm -10:00 pm
 - City Yard Sale will be held at Jaco Pastorius Park on January 19, 2019 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

- January 28, 2019 there will be a meeting at City Hall for the local schools.
- Construction on 21st avenue between Oakland Park Blvd and Prospect Rd will begin to remove the middle lane and add a median and curb.
- 3rd Annual Taste of Oakland Park will be February 15, 2019. The event is \$15 per person.
- The Free Tree Giveaway will be held February 23, 2019 at 8:00 am at Wimberly Field.
- Youth Day is scheduled for March 9, 2019 from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm.
- Dancing in the Streets is scheduled for April 6, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

New SAC Member

- Mr. Sohn introduced Ms. Talia Sandola as the new I-Zone representative.

SIP: Curriculum Updates

- Math
 - Mr. Vonder Linden: Geometry is studying triangles and Algebra is studying systems equations. Both subject areas are midway through the curriculum and on target for EOC.
 - Ms. Folkes: Math is in crunch time in preparation for standardized testing. 6th grade is studying expressions and equations, 7th grade is studying proportional relationships, and 8th grade is addressing geometry standards. Math Club did not attend the scheduled math competition due to transportation. Math Club is scheduled to attend the next competition on March 9, 2019.
- Science
 - Ms. Balog: Dr. Johnson from the district visited the school to confirm submission for the county science fair. The science fair will be held at Broward College – South on February 8, 2019. The science department incorporated literacy in the science curriculum with the support of literacy coaches from the district. Area schools will be meeting to streamline curricular assessments 8th grade will begin review of 7th grade standards in preparation for the standardized science assessment.
- Literacy
 - Mr. Sohn on behalf of Mrs. Tierney: In Language Arts, grades 6-8 are composing Argumentative writing samples. Florida Literacy Week will be January 28 – February 1, 2019. To celebrate literacy week, there will be a book signing for Ms. Williams along with Open Mic Night which is sponsored by FFEA on January 30, 2019. In Reading, the second round of FAIR testing has concluded. 6th and 7th grades complete BSA testing for ELA yesterday and today. 8th grade will test tomorrow and Friday. There will be a writing camp on
 - Mrs. Sheffield: The writing tests this year will be taken within the testing window as all other content area assessments. 7th and 8th grade students will complete the standardized writing test on the computer. 6th grade will be paper based.
- Social Studies
 - Mr. Wongsam: All grade levels are in unit 5. 6th grade is studying Africa in preparation for Black History Month. 7th grade is studying the Florida constitution in comparison the US constitution. 8th grade is studying President George Washington. For Black History Month, Dr. Collado has requested that teachers focus on African contributions to Black History. Students school wide will be attending the Renaissance Festival on February 11, 2019.

The Civics BSA will be administered January 29 – 30, 2019. Congressman Ted Deutch's recent visit addressed congressional topics with 7th grade students. 7th grade is also participating in an essay writing contest with the City of Oakland Park entitled: *If I were mayor...* The deadline for contest submissions is January 18, 2019. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

EOY Activities

- Band will be attending a trip to Disney May 28 – 30, 2019
- There will be a school-wide trip to Disney on May 30, 2019.
- 8th grade EOY activity will be May 30, 2019 and the promotion ceremony will be June 3, 2019.

Principal's Report

- Dr. Collado announces that the school has received the Five Star School Award again this year.
- Academic camps will begin mid-March and proceed through April. Camps will be offered during school, afterschool, and on Saturday. Dr. Collado is working with Dr. Drake to provide bus transportation with three stops in key areas.
- All curricular areas are on track to complete instruction of standards in time for standardized testing.
- A Day of Service will be held in the coming weeks to create an outdoor classroom for teachers to instruct beyond the classroom.
- \$8,000 has been allocated to order new books, which is being coordinated by Mrs. Tierney.
- \$7,000 has been allocated to create a computer lab in the media center and a sound system which includes a microphone.
- Black History month celebration will consist of bulletin board updates that address Africa's contribution to history, the black history showcase, and the annual luncheon.
- Single point of entry construction will begin in the coming weeks. The entrance will be created using room 183. More cameras will be installed around the perimeter of the school and throughout.
- February 14, 2019 will serve as a day of remembrance for MSD. More details to follow.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held February 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the media center.

Motion Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sohn, seconded by Ms. Ellis and Mr. Wongsam at 6:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Nakia Samuel

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date: