

James S. Rickards Middle School

Welcome

SAC Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2019

Call to Order

- A meeting of the Rickards Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on March 13, 2019. Co-chair, Mr. Sohn called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The call to order was seconded by Dr. Collado and Mr. Donnelly.

Approval of Minutes

- February Minutes required no corrections and were approved by Mr. Donnelly and Dr. Collado

Treasury Report

- Fund reported by Dr. Collado at an estimated \$10,000.

AdvanceED eProve Survey

- The survey was completed to examine the school's overall climate.
- 65% of Students completed the survey
- An estimated 40% of faculty and staff completed the survey.
- We are short of the goal for parents completing the survey. We needed 20%.

City of Oakland Park

- Mr. Donnelly provided updates on behalf of the city.
 - The local library will also be offering free tax preparation services for residents February 2 – April 16
 - Urban Tree Canopy Project is completed at the Stunson Nature Trail
 - Firefighters Benevolent Association is hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Royal Palm Park at 9:45 am
 - On Wednesdays, the city offers expedited permits for residents.
 - Dancing in the Street will be held on 12th street on April 26th.
 - City Bond meeting 4/24 to discuss updating Fire Stations, Community Centers, relocation of library, and new construction near Jac Pastorius.
 - The Citywide Yard sale will be held May 18th at Jaco Pastorius
 - Broward County launched Text to 911

SIP: Curriculum Updates

- Math
 - Mrs. Folkes: Grade level teachers have been meeting to discuss preparation for the testing season. 6th grade students will test May 7th and 8th, 7th and 8th grade students will test May 14th & 15th. Algebra students will test May 16th and 17th Geometry students will test May 21st and 22.
- Science

- Mrs. Folkes for Ms. Balog: 8th grade is preparing for the Science Assessment. About 40 students per week are attending Science Camp. There will be a Science Saturday Camp April 27th and May 4th.
- Literacy
 - Mrs. Tierney: Literacy is preparing for the FSA. The writing test was administered last week. Writing Camp was a great success. FSA testing will begin with 6th grade May 1st and 2nd, along with 8th grade. 7th grade will test May 6th and 7th. Academic Camps are still taking place on Tuesdays. Reading just administered the Fair Test. This data helps determine student placement. Novel studies are beginning in ELA classes and Reading in continuing instruction with Achieve 3000. Using Achieve shows that students' Lexile levels are improving.
- Social Studies
 - Mr. Wongsam: 6th grade is studying Greece and Rome, then will begin Civics curriculum. 8th grade is studying the Industrial Revolution. 7th grade will be taking the Civics EOC on May 21st. In preparation, teachers are doing pullouts with student during electives and reinforcing curriculum. Civics Camp will be held May 6th – 8th and May 13th – 16th afterschool. Busses will be available. Mr. Sohn has been nominated as Social Studies Teacher of the Year.
- Diversified Arts
 - Ms. Gregory: The students in Art are creating pottery from clay. The students will learn the technique further and create more advanced pieces of art.

End of Year Field Trip

- Mr. Wongsam provides information on the school-wide EOY Field Trip.
 - The field trip will be to Disney's Hollywood Studios for all three grade levels. The t-shirt for the field trip was designed by Mr. Godfrey, based on student ideas. The field trip will be held on Thursday, May 30.

Next meeting

- SAC Chair(s) will be nominated, and dates will be selected for next year's meetings. Ms. Sheffield will send an email to teachers that would like to be considered.

Principal's Report

- Northeast would like to grow the French component of their Foreign Language program. Next year, Rickards will offer a French course to help this process.
- Students have been tested for gifted and 15 students have been identified. Teachers will be offered the option to become Gifted Endorsed to serve these students.
- The principal of JP Taravella will be donating kitchen supplies to help start the culinary program.
- The Media Center will be getting an update.
- Naviance is being used for 7th and 8th grade course selection.
- Congratulations to Mr. Sohn for being nominated for Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Gregory has been great in supporting school events.
- Ms. Samuel, Mrs. Folkes, Mr. Santiago, and Mr. Bascome is organizing a three week academic summer camp that will help transition incoming 6th graders from our feeder schools.

Next Meeting

- The final meeting for the school year will be held May 15, 2019 at 6:00pm

Motion Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sohn, seconded by Ms. Wright at 6:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Nakia Samuel

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date: