



Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School

School Advisory forum (SAF)  
Parent Learning Community

October 26, 2017  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

Ms. Vicky LaPorte welcomed the evening's attendees and spoke about what is going on at ATC and District. ATC is currently working on helping our students to improve college admissions test scores like the SATs and ACTs. Concerns over seniors not getting into their top school choice because of either SAT or ACT test scores, as well as the essay writing admission application requirement for some schools are being addressed. Ms. LaPorte also announced many of the awards and top recognition ATC has earned like achieving the top "A" rating, once again.

Mrs. Karla Coto informed the meeting attendants about the purpose of the School Advisory Forum (SAF): Information Sharing, Problem Solving, and Parental Involvement. Mrs. Coto also spoke about the following topics:

- HJP7069 (Public school budget and charter schools). She advised all the attendance to call their state representative to support public schools
- The choice to opt out of the robocalls
- The 2018-2019 school year calendar approval discussions
- Policy 5004.1 (adoption will take place in November)
- The North Area is creating a committee to prepare a motion to establish a mechanism in which communication would naturally flow between the parent and the teacher
- There are no changes to our current SAF Bylaws for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Coto ended her SAF updates with the announcement that SAF is searching for next year's SAF Chair, or two parents to Co-chair. Mrs. Coto, who is the current SAF Chair, will be stepping down from her duties after this school year.

SAF invited two special guests to talk about two serious issues affecting our society: the opioid/drug abuse crisis and suicide.

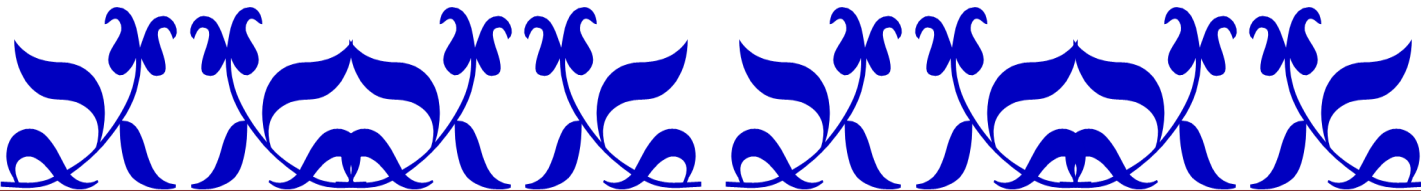
Mrs. Jackie Rosen, Executive Director/CEO of Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, spoke about the alarming suicide statistics and tips on how to spot some of the warning signs like changes in eating and/or sleeping habits to neglecting personal appearances. She also spoke about how social media and technology has influenced the increase of suicide in children as young as middle school age. Mrs. Rosen's main tip given to parents: listen.

Mr. Don Maines, Special Advisor for Substance Abuse Research, Department of Community Programs, Broward County Sheriff's Office spoke about the current dangerous drugs that are being sold in our communities and how it's being distributed to our children disguised as candy. Mr. Maines wanted to make the parents especially aware of the candy being distributed during Halloween.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Coto, SAF Chair



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**Welcome!**

**6:00 p.m. - School News and Updates  
Vicky LaPorte, Assistant Director**

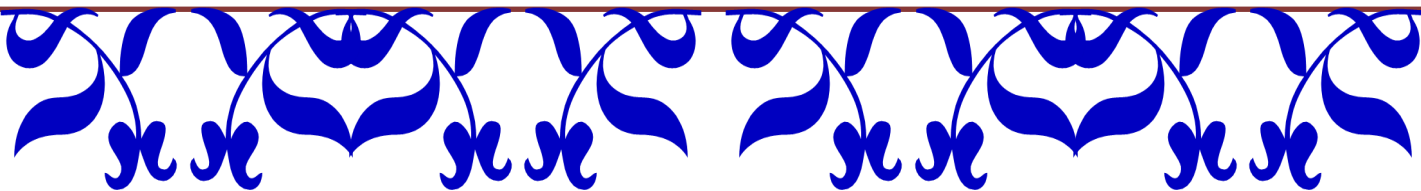
**6:15 p.m. - SAF Update  
Karla Coto, SAF Chair**

**Guest Speakers**

**6:20 p.m. - Jackie Rosen, Executive Director/CEO  
Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention**

**6:55 p.m. - Don Maines, Special Advisor for Substance Abuse  
Research  
Department of Community Programs  
Broward County Sheriff's Office**

**7:25 p.m. - Q & A**





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* DORA ROMAN PEREA	KARIA PEREA-ROMAN 10 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
RENNY JOSEPH	BENITA JOSEPH 10 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
Martha Granados	Brian Martinez 12.
Eleanor Mullings	Jessica Mullings 9 <sup>th</sup>
* Rajelaye Seepersad	BRIANITA SEEPERSAD 11 <sup>th</sup>
* Karla Coto	Gabe Coto 12 <sup>th</sup>
* Anaise Tellus	Cliffins Jeanne 9 <sup>th</sup>
ERICA FAGAN	Cody ANICA FAGAN 9 <sup>th</sup>



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Elizabeth Boyd	John Boyd ★
Connie Rodriguez	Julian Rodriguez 2 ★ =
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