

McFatter Technical College and Technical High School  
School Advisory Council  
March 14, 2019 Meeting

Attended by: Roger Barnhart, Giselle Bayona, Stacy Casson, Cara Daniel, Cyd Dixson, Emily Fernandez, Karelys Gonzalez, Darryl Harris, Lillie Henry, Jeanette Johnson, Anju Mahmood, Ashley Marte, Danielle McColgin, Maria Medina, Gordon Merle, Cara Pasquale, Gloria Raymond, Ashley Rivera, Mary Romanski, Annmarie Schiano, Gisele Silva, Miles Wasser, Franzie Williams, Christina Williams, David Wood and Ashley Woods.

**Excused:** Stacey Casson, Brian Cunningham, Juan Figueroa, Officer Laguna, Tina Leon, Sheldon McCartney, Lynn Goldman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Merle at 11:56am.

Self- introductions were made.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes to the December 13, 2018 meeting. (Kovac/Pascuale).

**Old Business:**

**Scholarship Foundation; sponsors, restaurants:** Lynn Goldman was not present but Ms. Johnson spoke on her behalf. A list of items for auction has been sent, via email to all staff at all the technical colleges, that there are fewer registrations for the event than we had last year. But, there is a full slate of restaurants that will be present. The big ticket item available for auction this year is a helicopter ride! Please remember that all money raised is for the students' scholarship. The venue has changed from the Signature Grand to Charles Dodge Facility in Pembroke Pines, because of the significant increase in cost to us, which would cut deeply into the scholarships that we can award. The location is less convenient and that may be part of the reason that attendance has decreased.

**School Improvement Plan:** Cara Daniel shared that it is officially the window for the AdvandED survey 2019. The survey is roughly 30-40 questions, the language is friendlier to parents. And window will be open to April 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents, students, faculty and staff are required to complete the survey. It has already been sent out to parents via weekly newsletter. Parents are asked to make sure they are on the list for the weekly newsletter. We are required, as a school, to have at least 20% of parents, 40% of students and 60% of staff complete the survey. The district wants us to administer the survey 100% on-line. We will be monitoring the numbers and if they are not up, we will look into the possibility of sending home paper surveys. We are thinking of having some sort of competition to ensure that we get a higher number of completed surveys. A discussion ensued regarding the types of questions on the survey, which range anywhere from school climate, what works well, what does not, would you recommend McFatter to your friends.

**SMART Bond Initiative:** Jeanette Johnson shared that there is an exciting update regarding the bond work that voters approved a couple of years ago. For our campus, it meant certain things called "school choice" that we had previously done. This group approved expenditures for new lighting in the Television Production studio, new computers, some recordex boards, and if you remember if you've been on this board for a while, this work has been largely completed. The bigger piece is the facility work. We had a meeting earlier called the "Project Charter". For the last year and half we have been involved in the "design" phase and are about to move into the next phase, which will include the hiring of the contractors and then the construction phase. The start date is roughly November of this year for the work to begin and will run into 2021. The work will include new rooves for some of the buildings, a new fire alarm system for the entire campus, and our industrial shops will have

sprinklers installed. Some buildings will get stucco and brick work. Almost all buildings will get a new HVAC system. There will be times when buildings will need to be vacated to allow for the work to be completed. There will be inconvenience for almost everyone at least once during this process, we will do our best to minimize the inconvenience, but we are excited for the work to begin. So come November 2019, we will see construction portables on campus and the work will commence.

### **New Business:**

**School Security and Safety:** There is not much to report regarding “school security and safety” except that the school board has passed a “Safer Spaces” policy. It identifies areas in each classroom where students can move to in the event of an actual crisis or emergency. We have started the policy and the district will send out experts to identify and facilitate the “safer spaces in each of our classrooms. We have ongoing monthly code red and code yellow drills and we seem to be getting better at responding. We have ordered lanyards for our high school students to make it easier for them to wear their id badges. There was a mini training a couple of weeks ago with our staff on how to respond to, and assess, risks. There are apps that the district is supporting and encouraging, one of them is called “Fortify Florida” and the second one is “Safer Watch”. These apps have been pushed out to the students. These apps are to make the reporting of crimes or concerns easier to everyone. Franzie Williams also reminded everyone about the “See Something, Say Something” campaign.

### **Reports:**

**School Advisory Forum:** Stacey Casson was not present but offered her minutes from the meeting to be read by Lillie Henry. Please see those minutes in the attachments. Jeanette Johnson reiterated the legitimate reasons for students to be off campus. We have had an increase of students being signed out by their parents to go off campus for lunch and then come back. That is not allowable, and we are in the process of curtailing this behavior. We are asking for everyone’s help in getting the word out. Many times our students think that our campus is semi open at lunch. And that is because there are times a student returning to campus from their clinicals doesn’t return to campus in time for lunch, so they stop before returning to campus. Most of the times security is aware of those students and they are not stopped because they have not done something illegitimate, however our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students may not be aware of this and they believe it is ok to leave for lunch. We would appreciate if everyone could help “spread the word”.

**PTSA:** Rafael Gonzalez was not in attendance. There was no report.

**Student Government Association:** Emily Fernandez, President, reported that SGA sponsored an “End of the Year” celebration where they passed out cookies and apple cider and had a mock countdown; they sold S’more for a dollar each and the event was very successful; SGA is donating a “relaxation basket” for the scholarship event; in February they held a “Hearts for Love” where anyone could write tributes on paper hearts that were sent to Stoneman Douglas; there will be an ice cream fundraiser after Spring Break and elections will be held for the new year. Finally, our end of the year event is still in the works but they are hoping it will be like a field day with student vs teacher events.

**Class of 2019:** Ashley Marte, Class President, reported that the seniors had a car wash that didn’t go as well as expected and they only raised \$8; class of 2019 also donated a Zen basket to the scholarship event; senior auction in March raised \$600; color wars raised \$200 thanks to Ms. Woods for donating the colored powder;

Grad Bash is April 12<sup>th</sup>; prom is May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westin and tickets are \$125 and the price will increase as we get closer and graduation is May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Class of 2020: Nathan Champagne, Class President, was not present but class sponsor, David Wood reported that the class had an ornament fundraiser before the winter break, they sold 50 ornaments and made \$100; they are now coordinating a car wash and restaurant fund raiser, as well as, forming a prom committee, and discussing the fundraising that goes along with it. And finally, the class is discussing their end of the year field trip.

Class of 2021: Miles Wasser, Class President, reported that the class is in the midst of a pretzel rod sale; in February they had a Valentine's Day dance that did very well; they will have a candy sale in April and are working on their own field trip, for their class, to Extreme Match Up. The class also tried to have a t-shirt sale that fell through because of poor sales, needed 12.

Class of 2022: Ashley Rivera, Class President, reported that their fund raiser for the Marriage Booth did not go as well as hoped because of their location and the weather didn't help. They only made \$131; they will have a popcorn sale in March and this time do a better job of advertising; in May a Teacher Appreciation fundraiser

Post-secondary student reports: Gisele Silva, ESOL student, spoke about her experiences in the ESOL program and the annual picnic; the ESOL instructors encouraged all the students to participate in the picnic; she spoke about how the program has given her and the rest of her classmates the confidence to move forward in their new life here in the United States, because as she said, not speaking English was no longer an excuse.

Security: Officer Christi Laguna was not present; but on her behalf Jeanette Johnson announce there was nothing to report.

Member comments: David Wood reported that the following four students completed the application and interview process for the Silver Knight Awards; the students and their categories are Elise Gregg, Journalism; Alina Galletta, Science; Sergio Romero, Social Science; and Maria Santos, Vocational Technical. The National Honor Society is putting together a Relay for Life team to participate in the event at Plantation Central Park on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We welcome everyone to participate but they must join a team and raise money towards this cause. Additionally, we will be fundraising by collecting luminarias "in honor of" cancer victims and "in memory of" those that lost their battle. Luminarias are \$5. Ashley Woods, Psychology instructor, announced that the countywide AP review session on April 6<sup>th</sup> for pretty much every AP exam offered, it is \$12 for session, and there are 3 sessions. They have been pretty successful and she has seen a lot of student success. It doesn't guarantee the student will pass the AP exam, but, it will give them more confidence. She reiterated how important it is for the students to take these tests because in the long run it could potentially save them, or their parents, thousands of dollars when it comes to college classes. A form was sent home to parents for the students to register and a link is also in the school website. We are coming to the end of the year and our seniors are getting ready for graduation, prom senior exhibitions. We are making sure our adults are meeting their basic skills. For many tech programs we have college and high school students participating in competitions, and 2 of the biggest competitions are SKILLS USA and Business Professionals of America (BPA). It has always been a challenge to pay for these competitions because we are a small school and the students have such a small pool to raise funds to be able to participate. This year we have 17 students participating in BPA in Anaheim at a cost of \$18,000 and 69 students participating in SKILLS at a cost of \$34,000. We try to keep the cost down for the students and supplement the cost from the school budget. Jeanette Johnson said that if anyone knows of any benefactor that would like to donate please send t.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 12:55 pm ()

Submitted by:  
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