

SAC Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2009 3:00 pm  
SPHS Media Center

In attendance:

David Basile, Principal  
Tracie Casserly, SAC Chair  
Kay Arnold, Parent  
Janet Chrystie-Wargula, Parent  
Orkisha Edmond, Teacher  
Michelle Baragan, Teacher  
K.K. Maxwell, Teacher  
Jennifer Martin, Comm. Rep.  
Carol Reynolds-Srot, Parent

Linda Pignatore, BTU Steward, Teacher  
Susan Steege, BTU Steward, Teacher  
Karen James, Teacher  
Nereida Miller, SAF Chair, Parent  
Amy Tupper, Parent  
Lisa Tran, Student  
Jasmine Ingram, Student

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by Ms. Casserly.

Ms. Casserly spoke about the SAC Composition for this year. We need more male members and more Hispanic and Black members to match the demographics of our school. We will try to find parents, students and/or community members to fill those roles. Our official SAC Composition is due by the end of October.

Dr. Basile spoke at length about the changes occurring at South due to being on the Correct II Differentiated Accountability Model. He spoke about the visits from the county IRT, in preparation for the state visit on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. The county has been here several times, and each time, they have noted progress and are impressed that our teachers have implemented their recommendations in such a short amount of time. The county will continue to visit our school and make further recommendations. We will continue, of course, to implement their recommendations.

Our School Improvement Plan ( SIP ) has been submitted and we are awaiting final approval. It is a reflection of everything we are doing here at South to increase learning gains for our students. Ms. Maxwell ( our science coach ) and Ms. Edmond ( our reading coach ) both shared the data from the September BAT's. This baseline data has been entered into the state database. Input was solicited from SAC for how to increase performance. The next BAT will be in November and that data must be entered into the state database by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Baragan was representing Ms. Johnson, the A.P. over Title One at our school, as Ms. Johnson could not be here. Ms. Baragan handed out an agenda ( see attached ) and spoke at length about the parental involvement required as part of us being a Title One school. She requested several parent volunteers to attend one of 2 meetings for Title One schools.

Ms. Casserly reminded the members that we now have a county wide exam exemption policy. For South, students may exempt up to 3 midterm and up to 3 final exams,

provided they have a B or higher for both quarters in a class. No AP midterms may be exempted. Teachers may give an alternate assessment in lieu of a final exam.

Ms. Casserly stated that the Accountability Funds of \$5 per FTE had not yet been received from the state. We hope that the funds will be coming very soon. The SAC members held a discussion about how best to use those funds to meet the goals of our SIP. It was discussed to have a Saturday FCAT Camp that runs along side our current Saturday school model. In both places, FCAT practice would be the emphasis. We will revisit this issue in October and vote on how to use the funds, assuming we have the funds at that time.

Nominations were solicited for the SAC September Employee of the Month. The SAC members reviewed the nominations, and agreed to name Kirk Bosse for the Sept. E.O.M. Kirk was nominated by Matt Schroeder, who wrote:

"I would like to nominate Kirk Bosse. He is an excellent department head and an even better P.E. teacher. He runs an organized department and always makes sure students are safe, active and well supplied. He does all of this with the smallest campus and fewest of any large school in Broward. The P.E. department is now run smoother than I've seen it here in ten years. He is a credit to the school."

It was also noted that Kirk does a great job with his students and finds way to integrate reading skills and FCAT practice into his P.E. classes. Dr. Pegnatore moved that Kirk Bosse be named the Sept. E.O.M, Ms. Miller seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

In new business, Ms. Tupper asked Dr. Basile if he had heard anything about the School Board wanting to disband our magnet program. Ms. Martin stated that she attends most School Board meetings, and at the last meeting, Ms. Kraft spoke about the possibility of disbanding the magnet program at South because we are not underenrolled and many students are reassigned here. Ms. Dinnen spoke up and said that the issue would need much more research and discussion and the issue was then tabled.

Ms. Reynolds-Srot asked about the suggestion for students to go into AP classes. Dr. Basile stated that there is an AP Potential list that identifies students who may be successful in AP classes. Those students are encouraged to take an AP class.

Ms. Chrystie-Wargula noted that graduation last year at Nova University was not very elegant, it was in a basketball arena, and she wanted to know if this year graduation could be held someplace more elegant. Dr. Basile stated that we really don't get much choice as to where graduation will be held, but that he would look into what the possible venues are this year. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

