

SAC Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2010 3:00 pm  
SPHS Media Center

In attendance:

David Basile, Principal	Michael Berrios, Student
Tracie Casserly, SAC Chair	Linda Pegnatore, BTU Steward, Teacher
Keisha Maxwell, Teacher	Susan Steege, BTU Steward, Teacher
Karen James, Teacher	James McGonagle, Comm. Rep.
Janet Chrystie-Wargula, Parent	Nereida Miller, SAF Chair, Parent
Orkisha Edmond, Reading Coach	Amy Tupper, Parent
Jennifer Martin, Comm. Rep.	Zachary Srot, Student
Carol Reynolds-Srot, Parent	Christopher Miller, Student
David Hepler, Comm. Rep.	Matthew Miller, Student
Lisa Tran, Student	Kaitlyn Drumblings, Student

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

Ms. Casserly made a motion to approve the minutes from the December SAC meeting. A few typographical errors were pointed out. Then, Ms. Reynolds-Srot seconded the motion. All were in favor, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Basile spoke about our Title One status and that we were currently being audited to make sure we were meeting all of the Title One requirements, as evidenced in the binder that Ms. Llinas is keeping to document everything.

Dr. Basile also answered any questions and addressed any concerns about the written report from the State Visit on Dec. 1. As stated at the December SAC meeting, overall, the state report was very favorable. The state has even contacted our school to ask about using our common board configuration as a model for other schools.

Information was disseminated regarding the dates, times and locations of the different FCAT camps going on. The FCAT preparation theme this year is "It takes a village." There are FCAT camps available for Reading ( both before and after school), Math and Science. Students may take the activity bus home at 4:30 pm if they want to attend the FCAT camp after school.

The ACT Princeton Review course should be up and running next week. Dr. Basile said to see Donna Rose for more information.

The after school tutoring program has been going very well. Some of the same teachers that were doing the after school tutoring program are also doing the FCAT camp. The teachers will be utilized according to the numbers of students showing up. If there aren't enough students showing up, the teachers will not stay. However, Dr. Basile stated that

the programs have had many students attending and the attendance should increase more and more as we approach the FCAT in March.

Ms. Steege spoke about the district trying to put all high schools on a straight 7 schedule with all teachers teaching 6 out of 7 classes in order to save money. This change would mean about 500 teachers would lose their jobs. She stated that this is anti-contractual and the union is working hard to fight this. Dr. Basile stated that currently most of our same subject teachers have a common planning period, which is a wonderful opportunity for professional development and he would hate to lose this.

Ms. Casserly spoke about the process for renewing our waiver for Professional Study Days. The faculty will be asked to vote to continue the waiver or not, and it must pass with 66.7% yes votes to pass. BTU stewards will handle the voting process as per the contract. The 8 possible dates to choose from for Professional Study days were disseminated, as well. If the waiver passes, each department will appoint a member to look at the dates and decide which of the dates we will use.

The proposed 2010-2011 Broward Schools Calendar was disseminated.

Dr. Pegnatore made a motion that Jennifer Pliske be named the January SAC Employee of the Month. Ms. Tupper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed. Dr. Basile also stated that Jennifer Pliske is our new Guidance Director.

In new business, Ms. Maxwell spoke about the Science Fair needing judges and asked if anyone would volunteer some time to help judge.

Dr. Basile stated that Mr. Phipps is a finalist for the Broward County Teacher of the Year and we will find out in February if he wins.

Ms. Martin asked about the scheduling process for next year, and if it would all be done online as she had heard it was being done at some other schools. Dr. Basile stated that the district is moving towards make the scheduling process automatic, through Virtual Counselor, and said he would try to have Ms. Henschel (A.P. in charge of scheduling) at the Feb. SAC meeting to discuss this.

Ms. Chrystie-Wargula talked about the Paladin Achiever program and stated that they needed more nominations from the teachers. She also asked about having the same guidance counselor follow a student from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Basile stated that because of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy, he keeps the same counselor working with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders each year. He stated that we are trying to get a 10<sup>th</sup> grade academy up and running, with Ms. Llinas researching how best to do so. He said he may be able to have the same counselor for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and then another one for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and he would look in to doing so.

Dr. Basile spoke about Johns Hopkins University coming to our school to study our 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy. They were so impressed and they plan to come back to see more. They thought the leadership of the teachers in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy was amazing.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next meeting is 2/23/10 at 3 pm with SAF.