

Monroe County School District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the School Advisory Council

October 18, 2023

6 PM

Location of Meeting:

Coral Shores High School Media Center
89901 Old Hwy
Tavernier, FL 33070

Present at Meeting: Laura Lietaert, Jacob Poelma, Debra Ward, Teresa Lybarger, Lauren Dunn, Lori Guth, Megan Shugarman, Kelly Morales, Jaime O'Hara, Jo Collins, Whitney MacEachern, Lisa Delos Santos, Ian O'Hara, Jamie Pizer, Kristen Giordano, Debra Ward,

The meeting for the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:03 pm on October 18, 2023 at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Kelly Morales.

The meeting minutes were approved by Kelly Morales and seconded by Kristen Giordano.

I. New Business

- Laura Lietaert mentioned that the Special Olympics Regional games were in Naples, and everyone took first place and will be going to states!
- Laura Lietaert discussed the Teacher of The Year (TOY) In order to qualify for a nomination, one has to be a teacher 3 years or longer, data scores need to impact student achievement, a willingness to participate in state programs, are required to produce a video, uncut, which shows them teaching their lessons, in addition to an application essay. Only one teacher is chosen to represent Monroe County. Evelyn Betancourt was selected from CSHS! Evelyn is also a mentor for Take Stock In Children where 42 new students were just inducted into the scholarship program. Take Stock In Children is always looking for mentors that are committed to a child's success.
- Deb Ward spoke about someone submitting a concern about the crosswalk on US1 between PKS and CSHS. Laura Lietaert stated that the traffic light is not operational after hours. The crossing button itself is a Department of Transportation issue.
- Deb Ward spoke about Threat Assessment. There is a new Florida Model for safety and security. Any student making a threat of harming themselves will have a report sent to admin and then determine whether the threat is credible and then an investigation would ensue. This is not an anonymous platform. However, Fortify Florida is an anonymous reporting platform that goes directly to CSHS. It is a blue and red icon on chromebooks. If someone reported a suicide

attempt, it would be flagged, noted then investigated. More reports have been coming in thru TEXTIPS. Every Florida school has to use Fortify Florida.

- A parent asked if a specific person can be identified (tracked) and acted upon. There is an in-house sticky note system in Focus. Those students will be noted in Focus and flagged. Behavior Threat Assessment (BTA) and it follows any kid in Monroe County. The new school is required to record those BTA's. Schooling doesn't have to be in-house. It can be home school, children's shelter or online. If children are expelled, CSHS is not required to take them, but can be placed in one of the alternate settings. All children are provided with a free public education.
- Jacob Poelma spoke about the new digital SAT's that there was a nationwide computer issue. The app had no problems, but the outage made for a difficult testing day. 400+ kids came prepared with charged chromebooks only to have a nationwide issue. On 10/18 and 19, round 2 and make up of the National Merit Semi Finalize Qualifier (NMSQ) test - scholarship competition was administered. FCLE is in November, not a graduation requirement but for a Florida University it is.
- Jacob went on to say the KAHN Academy is the official program of PSAT and customizes their learning and can tailor it to students weak issues. It is good for tutoring.
- A parent raised a concern about an inappropriate incident at the school. A lengthy discussion ensued and the proper procedures were taken with identification, Guidance Counselors, SRO's and Social Workers were all instrumental in forming a safety plan to ensure a positive and healthy outcome. To note, none of the students reported this incident to the staff, the staff saw it and acted upon it. CSHS works with the administration of schools to make sure communication is active. Deb Ward spoke about the Healthy Learning Initiative, it is conducted in homeroom with weekly lessons. They are surveys, if other issues are identified, these lessons can be tailored. See something, say something.

II. Discipline

- Nothing new for discipline.

III ATTENDANCE

- Attendance incentives have been introduced to give students rewards and thank you's for attending school regularly. September students were given a treat and a thank you. October's theme was No Tricks All Treats, November's is Thankful You're Here. Rewards include vouchers for movies, Pinfish Entertainment, McDonald's.

IV SPORTS

- Volleyball, Golfers and Swimming have all made it to districts!

X. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6 PM on November 15th at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM by Laura Lietaert.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger