

Monroe County School District
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the School Advisory Council
November 11, 2023
6 PM

Location of Meeting:

Coral Shores High School Media Center

89901 Old Hwy

Tavernier, FL 33070

Present at Meeting: Laura Lietaert, Teresa Lybarger, Megan Shugarman, Kristen Giordano

The meeting for the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:00 pm on November 11, 2023, at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Kristen Giordano.

Due to the limited attendance, the meeting minutes will be reviewed and will be tabled until the December SAC meeting. "pop up hurricane/tornados warnings"

I. New Business

- Laura Lietaert reiterated information about 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 teaches Chemistry Honors.
- Laura spoke about how Ms. Woods, the Environmental Science teacher, had left to pursue other interests, but she made sure to supply lessons until December. Taylor Smith, who is a student teacher for FIU and is expected to graduate in December, was offered the position on 11/15/23 and will start after her graduation.
- Laura addressed the attempt for Parent Survey's to get to 90% participation. As of 11/18, 70 surveys were completed when they were just sent out via email and will continue to be available through Christmas. Link is on the school website.
- The Board approved to move forward with creating a design for the baseball field at Founders Park. Turf was chosen over grass. The school district will bear the full brunt of the cost, and Coral Shores will have priority with scheduling.
- There is a new student group that will publish a school newspaper.

- With regards to School Safety and Mental Health, 2 parts need to be trained for the Florida Model. Laura, Deb Ward and Mrs Micheline completed both parts. Jacob Poelma still needs to complete Part 1 next week.
- Testing results from SAT's that were taken in September from the nationwide outage were just received on 11/13/23.
- The Media Specialist is expected to attend the December SAC meeting.
- A parent commented that the daily announcements are great and asked Laura if they can also be posted on social media. Laura stated she will ask the person who is responsible for posting these events to see if this is possible.
- For students who may have a need for Christmas, they should see a counselor who can match students up with the need. 40% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches. CSHS was able to obtain a refrigerator from a grant. Fresh produce and dairy products were mentioned, so now thanks to this purchase, students can receive those items. Gift cards were also included within the bags for Thanksgiving.

II. Discipline

- Nothing new for discipline.

III. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6 PM on December 20th at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM by Kristen Giordano and seconded by Megan Shugarman.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger