

Monroe County School District

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the School Advisory Council

December 20, 2023

6 PM

Location of Meeting:

Coral Shores High School Media Center

89901 Old Hwy

Tavernier, FL 33070

Present at Meeting: Teresa Lybarger, Kelly Morales, Lori Guth, Lauren Dunn, Debra Ward, Laura Lietaert, Kay Mackenzie, Dawn Michelin, Stephanie Rodriguez, Kristen Giordano, Jacob Poelma, Mrs. McPhearson

The meeting for the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:01 pm on December 20, 2023, at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Kelly Morales and seconded by Lori Guth.

Since the November SAC meeting had limited attendance and a quorum was not present, Kelly Morales made a motion to approve the October minutes which was then seconded by Jacob Poelma. Lauren Dunn then made a motion to approve the November minutes, which was then seconded by Kelly Morales.

**I. New Business**

- Jacob Poelma opened with the Valedictorian and Salutatorian policy. Mrs. McPhearson, on behalf of Theresa Axford, states all remain the same except for the HOPE credit, which is not part of the process in selecting candidates. Monroe Association of Governing Students (MAGS) has been spearheaded to have a task force and brought forward in August.
- Laura addressed the school's grade. Coral Shores earned 69% of available points. CSHS had improved 11 percentage points over the course of a year, which was a huge improvement! CSHS is the highest rated school in the district. According to Jacob, we are the Top Dawg! These scores were based upon the 22/23 school year. CSHS started at 59%, the Department of Education raised the grading to 62%, then we brought up our percentage to 69% and the Department raised the rated A to 70%. We missed an A rating by 1%, so Laura and Jacob could appeal this decision and have the scores recalculated in hopes that an A rating was essentially earned. The subject of math is an area that still needs to be addressed, which is the current focus. Laura spoke about the new plans in finding ways to bump kids into Marine and Auto Mechanics to earn certificates as well as asking for our input to help other schools to find ways to maximize points.

- Jacob stated last year was the first year with the new testing format. From this data, learning gains will be added to achieve maximum scores.
- Laura Lietaert won the prestigious title of Principal of the Year! Congratulations!
- School safety - continuing drills.
- Jacob - Testing closer to wrapping up with seniors. The month of May is when all AP testing is scheduled, along with EOC and finals. School ends a week earlier this year, so there is no wiggle room with AP testing. In fact, ELA, Calculus AB, and BC exams are all scheduled on the same day! January is progress monitoring for 2 for FAST and ELA. Jacob is looking for growth! Since there are some overlapping tests, a week of makeup testing is available for those students who need those extra days. Make sure all students get in their testing because of the shortened month of May. Computer based testing is the future for AP testing, which should be more efficient.
- A parent had inquired about the district's proposed delayed school start time and when that was expected to take effect. This proposition would not initiate until at least the 25/26 school year and the statute would be split up by grade level. Laura can foresee many issues and concerns with this as this district of Monroe County is unique. It shares the school buses with elementary, middle and high schools as well as our schools having multiple grades within the same buildings so these delayed start times could be extremely problematic. In addition to the current shortage of bus drivers, this proposition would only aggravate the current already stressed schedule.
- The library has been opened after lunch for any student that wishes to feel included. A welcoming atmosphere has been made to ensure students feel at ease and comfortable. Since the recent renovation of the media center, students can now charge their electronic devices and socialize in a modern atmosphere.

## **II. Discipline**

- Debra Ward and Jacob Poelma spoke about discipline and how crafty kids were getting with hiding their vapes, which is still an on-going issue. More vape sensors have been installed in the restrooms which light up and strobe if a vape has been sensed. Repeat offenders have their parents contacted, and thankfully the parents are helpful with getting their kids better. Tardies are an issue which is the next focus. After school detention is a great option for those offenders to quickly correct their ways. According to Jacob, those attendees of after school detention do not like it at all!

## **III. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6 PM on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM by Kelly Morales and seconded by Lauren Dunn.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger