

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

April 12, 2023

6 PM

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting: Kim Jones, Teresa Lybarger, Paula Wittke, Kara Johnson, Kristen Giordano, Megan Shugarman, Jessica Serota, Whitney MacEachern, Sue Woltanski, Veronica Gutierrez, Lori Guth, Ana Alvaro

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:09 pm on April 12, 2023 at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Jessica Serota.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

1. Jessica Serota made the motion to approve the minutes but Sue Woltanski mentioned no approval was needed since the last meeting was in conjunction with the school board meeting, on February 28, 2023, and they are also available online on the school website.

II. New Business

2. Ana Alvaro spoke about school safety and mental health. The assailant drills went well. Students must ask who is trying to come thru the schools locked doors for safety and not just open them for anybody. Bathroom vandalism is still an ongoing issue, specifically in the boys' rooms.
3. A new survey was distributed, Florida Specific Youth Survey, which students were allowed to opt out of. The CDC's survey was antiquated and to some, encouraged kids to have sex. The Florida-specific youth survey will **align to the required instruction for Health Education including Resiliency Education, Civic and Character Education, and Life Skills Education**, which will inform enhanced alignment of services, support, and instruction to better meet the needs of our students.
4. Ana mentioned the school is trying to reach all students with regards to substance abuse, trying to get the word out, educating.
5. Melissa Simmons has been hired as the newest school's social worker. One more is to be hired this summer.
6. Ana stated the month of May will be busy with AP testing. Results from these exams should be available the end of June, beginning of July.
7. Prom is 5/13 @ 7PM, but those students who have excessive tardies and discipline referrals will not be permitted to attend.

8. Ana addressed the possibility of changing the day the SAC meets for the future, from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd or move to a Tuesday. This would be for next school year meetings but this will be discussed and decided upon soon. The date of which school begins was then spoken about and all learned that August 10th is the earliest school can start each year.
9. Megan gave kudos to Ana regarding the 1 on 1 time the counselors were able to provide for the kids. She said it was great!
10. A parent observed the use of vulgar language by both students and coaches at a recent lacrosse practice as well as a game. Another parent suggested to purchase a sportsmanship sign to be hung at the entrance to the field to show attendees acceptable etiquette for sporting practices as well as games. These signs will promote and encourage respect for all involved, in addition to the Refs. being able to announce these items at games.
11. Senior grades are due by 5/19. The Grad Bash is 4/22. Senior Night is 5/23.

III. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at 6 PM on May 10th at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM by Paula and seconded by Kim Jones.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger