

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

**February 8, 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, Jacob Poelma, Paula Wittke, Kara Johnson, Kristen Giordano, Megan Shugarman, Jessica Serota, Whitney MacEachern

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:05 pm on February 8, 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 and was seconded by Megan, third by Jacob.

**II. New Business**

2. Jacob Poelma spoke about the Hurricane Showcase scheduled for 3/15, where the culinary class is expected to make the food and mechanics will showcase their work. At approximately 5:15 – 5:30 that evening, towards PAC, student videos and athletics will showcase. Jessica inquired about advertising this in the Keys Weekly.
3. The STEM Fair will be held at Stanley Switlik and Tech Fest is slated for 2/14 in the gym – career fields to be showcased.
4. 2/22 was Our Smiles Count, 9<sup>th</sup> graders only with required permission slips.
5. 2/28 will be the Learning Walk – admin from all schools throughout the district will come to CSHS and walk teacher evaluations.
6. The Teen Dating presentation was agreed by those who attended that it was a good idea, but would look for a different presenter.
7. Panorama survey / mental health was weeks ago to see what needs should be addressed and met.
8. School safety, 3 threats had to be addressed the week prior to this SAC board meeting which a very thorough and state mandated process ensued.
9. Discipline – up 60% more referrals with vaping and hate speech. 33 students equate to 4.9% of students had 2 or more incidents. Multiple offenders need to be addressed, along with mental health issues, to ensure they are getting the proper treatment without affecting others negatively. Online school is an option for those students who cannot get along without disrupting others during class.

10. 2 social workers will be hired, one has been starting the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr., still looking for another full timer. There is a difference between social workers and counselors. Social workers work with the parents and their children.
11. 3/1 - SAT Day for Juniors only and for Seniors to bring up their concordant scores in reading and math.
12. The FAST results are looking very well! Between progress monitoring, there was great progress from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> testing! STAR tests are district, FAST is state. Florida is the first state to initiate the progress reports 3 times a year. The focus for testing is growth over score and FAST scores are available same day!
13. CSHS's 10<sup>th</sup> graders have been selected to be a pilot school for the writing test!
14. COVID report, a few cases of flu but otherwise ok.
15. 2/27 – Katie Greer to present Digital Safety for both students and parents.
16. Megan introduced a possible presentation from Hazelman Betty Ford for High Schools, which is a weeklong series for each grade level. A speaker would be needed, but one that could possibly connect with the students better than the Teen Dating one.

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

The next meetings will be held at 5 PM on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM by Jessica Serota and seconded by Kim Jones.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger