

**KWHS SAC Meeting Minutes**  
**KWHS-Rising Strong! Conch Strong!**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2023-5:30pm**  
**KWHS Media Center & Virtual Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2pke6kb4>**

**1. Call to order at 5:32 pm**

**Attendance:** Principal Rebecca Palomino, Dr. Ja-Ronika Veldheer, Lindsay Moore, Leslie Johnson, Joyce Milelli, Henry Boza, Matt Poffenberger, Hays Blinckmann, Laura Kasper, Jamie Strunk, Magdalem Naveyes, Yanil Acevedo, Julie Bridger, Decarla Shine, Monique Owens, Henry Boza, Lydia Estenoz.

**Virtual Attendance:** Kawana Staffney, Heidi Davila, Francisco, Amy S., Tara Popick, Carlos C., Margaret, Tracey Smith, Micaela G, Cloris, Kristen Condella, Jess Rady, Margaret Orelus, Lazara S, Ingrid T., Mayed R.

**2. Welcome**

- Sign in options
- Opening remarks-Leslie Johnson and Principal Rebecca Palomino.

**3. Approve Minutes of September Meeting-** Motion: Joyce Milelli, Approved: Hays Blinckmann

**4. Old Business**

- **Grading Policies, Late Work Acceptance, Gradebook Platform**  
Grading policy is now 60/40. Late work/retakes at the teacher's discretion. The district is voting to approve the Student Progression Plan. Info will be posted on the MCSD web site.  
MY MCSD App: now you will see green check marks when a graduation requirement is completed.

**5. New Business**

- **Staffing Update**
  - Graduation Coach position is now filled. Goal is to help 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders who are lacking graduation requirements. Currently there are 15 students not meeting requirements; 33 in credit recovery.
  - The open English/LA teacher position is now filled.
  - The Trainer position is still open- A Master's degree in Athletic Training is required.
- **School Improvement Plan Update**
  - No updates this meeting. Goal #1-Focus on writing to increase ELA scores. Goal #2-attendance.
  - Attendance issues-first email the teacher. Email discrepancies to [laveda.johnson@keysschools.com](mailto:laveda.johnson@keysschools.com)
  - Laveda's phone extension-54320
- **Class Rank and Adjusted GPA Formula**
  - Update-Web site tab will not be created in Focus for info on class rank, Val/Sal determination and the adjusted GPA formula per district office.
  - The task force for Class Rank/GPA is at the district level. Email Ms. Axford & Ms. Acevedo for more info.
  - A parent/family night will be set up to learn more about the adjusted GPA.
  - Information will be given to freshman about the HOPE class & how it can affect GPA.
- **Assessment Updates**
  - SAT this Saturday. Last SAT to be done on paper will be in December 2023.
- **Lower Keys Early Release Days**
  - District Dates: Sept. 28, Dec 7, Feb 29
  - All Lower Keys Schools: Nov 1, Jan 31, April 17
- **Important Upcoming Dates**

- Upcoming Dates: October 11-PSAT for 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>.
- Report Cards posted Oct. 13. Due to the expense of mailing reports cards, printed copies will be available by request only.

## **6. Question and Answer Period**

- Homecoming Dance-in the Courtyard from 8-11pm October 28<sup>th</sup>. \$15/ticket.
- College Fair is this Friday-24 Florida colleges & military recruiters will be present. Some from out of state.
- Ms. Estenoz explained her role as a College & Career counselor. She oversees about 103 local scholarships which seniors can apply to in February. The military ASVAB (entrance) exam in November is a good way to obtain info on jobs/careers that would be a good match for students. Open to any student.
  - Suggestion made to recognize the top 25 students during graduation by having them walk out first.

## **7. Announcements**

**Next SAC Meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:30pm in the Media Center & Virtual Link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2pke6kb4>**

**8. Adjournment** 6:34pm. Motion: Leslie Johnson, Approved: Joyce Milelli

**KWHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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