



Horace O'Bryant School School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

Welcome, please sign in.

In Attendance: Brian Desilets, Dana Ring, Erika O'Hearn (Vice President), Ileana Garcia (Secretary), Rosario Barrett, Lisa Castillo

Virtual Attendance: Kawana Staffney (President), Millie Rodriguez, Kellie Niles, Arlene, Debbie Arencibia, Jaymi Guzman, Angela Ewing

Old Business Updates:

New Business:

- **Teacher Appreciation** is the week is Mon, May 8, 2023 - Fri, May 12, 2023
 - **We need help from our Parents to make this happen.**
 - The theme is Lunches around the world for our Teachers. They will get a "passport" and free lunch every day.
 - Ideas include Classic American BBQ, Cuban (el siboney), Mexican (**Kawana has Sinz Burrito covered**), Chinese, Italian.

No input from parents on whether they can help with these choices.

- Do we have dates for the EOC boot camps for Civics & Math
We are waiting for Mrs. Mcpherson for dates
- For next school year, can we bring backpacks back for middle schooler's instead of the huge zipper binder? **Mr. Desilets said this will be part of the discussion during their summer BLPT session along with the discussion about dress code.**
- Dana mentioned that part of our school improvement plan is to find out How can we engage with our parents more.
- 8th grade recognition ceremony will be similar to past years, with the addition that every student will receive a certificate of completion. Rosario asked: if the student is not 8th grade will, they still participate in the recognition ceremony. The answer: is typically those students will do credit recovery in summer school. However, they will still participate in the ceremony.

General Parent Q & A

- **Rosario also brought some email that parents have sent her to speak on their behalf.**

- **Over 20 staff members have left, why the positions are not posted. Reply: Only five teachers have left due to not being qualified to teacher in the area of study or because they moved out of Key West. Positions are posted on our Keys schools district website as soon as we know a teacher is leaving. We have hired three Language Arts teachers and two Science teachers.**
- **All our staff has filled out their letter of intent for next school year. The only people not returning are teachers that are moving out of town.**
- **For next school year, we are working on our School Culture and how to help teachers feel more supported.**
- **Next year we will have a designated room and person for ISS.**
- **We will have new MTSS, PBIS, and AVID coordinators.**
- **Reply to another email: Students do not get sent back to class after a physical altercation. Administration takes care of the issue, calls parents, and delivers their consequence. As for Cussing in class if it is directed at the teacher, the student is suspended for 1 day. Cussing in general they are sent to talk to administration after speaking to the student they are sent back to class.**
- **Another email mentioned Poinciana posts job opening on their Pelican Post for parents to see. Good idea we will take into accounts. As mentioned before parents can visit <https://www.keysschools.com/Page/7242> to see all our job listing for the whole district.**

Moving Forward

- Dana suggested that next year we send out Blackboard connect calls to remind parent of the SAC meeting and a survey at the beginning of the year for better SAC times.
- At Open House, we will have a table for SAC and have parents sign up for SAC including their email addresses. Later we can use that list to send out reminder emails for SAC.

Announcements/Important Dates/Other information:

- April 25th, 2023 – Star Reading
- April 27th, 2023 – Star Math
- May 2nd, 2023 – FAST ELA
- May 11th, 2023 – FAST MATH & ALGEBRA/GEOMETRY EOC
- May 16th, 2023 – Science State Assessment
- May 17th, 2023 – CIVICS (*students enrolled in the course*)

- May 20th , 2023 – Sneaker Ball Prom (6:00-10:00 @ HOB GYM)
- May 23rd , 2023 – Ft. Zach Field Trip
- May 24th , 2023 – Academic Awards Ceremony (HOB Cafetorium, all parents are invited to attend)
- May 25th , 2023 – Recognition Ceremony Practice
- May 26th , 2023 – Recognition Ceremony (KWHS Auditorium, all parents are invited to attend)