

**Horace O'Bryant School Advisory Council (SAC)
February 10, 2014 meeting minutes:**

1. Welcome to all attendees.
2. Minutes for January approved.
3. Title 1 informational update - Twice a year an audit is conducted to assess parental involvement. Parent involvement at school and at home is very important.

How can parents help?

Use the parent resource center, encourage your child to read, read, read! Strive to read 30 minutes daily. Support your child in learn the multiplication tables. Volunteer at your child's school. Visit your child's classroom (this requires prior notice of approximately 2 weeks). Review parent communications (i.e. website, parent viewer pinnacle). Try to have your child well rested and nourished for the upcoming FCAT tests (reading, math, and science will be held in April for various grades). Use real world situations when problem solving. Encourage your child to really think, not just memorize.

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4. School improvement mid-year data:
Attendance, discipline, suspensions reviewed. There is a decrease in suspensions due to the use of tracking sheets, and new lunch procedures. There is a total enrollment of 1,041 students as of today which is an increase of 25+ students since mid-year. March is expected to bring additional students due to military family transfers.
5. Volunteers are needed for the February 25, 2014 FCAT writes testing. Also, there will be a writing boot camp after school for those students who would like to review.
6. The Domino's pizza fundraiser raised \$3,900. Thank You!
The Seafood Festival fundraiser raised \$3,992 which was disbursed to the organizations represented by the various volunteers. Thank You!

7. Upcoming 8th grade events: The staff of Key West High School will be speaking to 8th graders regarding the curriculum at the high school. Also, there will be a curriculum night at Key West High School, and that will be followed by a scheduling of courses for 9th grade.
8. The calendar of events for February and March was reviewed by Mr. Vinson.
9. Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) discussed. WomanKind will be speaking on alcohol prevention to 6th and 7th graders in their science class.
10. A volunteer parent representative is needed for the district committee drawing up the dates for the next school year. This would be an all day meeting.
11. Healthy Pantry - H.O.B. is a pilot school for this program which will provide healthy snacks to eligible students. Eligible students will be given snacks every friday, such as bottled water and granola bars, for them to eat over the weekend. Eligible students are those who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
Submitted by M. Washam