

P.K. Yonge DRS School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Secondary Building, Room 132, 1st Floor, Green Wing

Member Attendance: Brian Marchman, Carrie Geiger, Nigel Newbutt, Lori Dassa, Bryce Stevenson, Lisa Fabulich, Sarah Bell, Regina Wims, Meryl Klein, Hakeem Hasan, Rob Cox, Janine Williams, Stella Bachman, Alisha Williams, Jon Mudorf, Marisa Stukey

Member Absences: Wantanisha Morant, Tish Andrews-Hawkins

Guests: Matt Nerau (presentation for principal's report), Cannon 5th grader, Gia and Zack (6th, 1st grade parents), Ada Nesbit

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm by Marisa Stukey

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Jon Mundorf
- Upon Vote: Motion passed 15-0

APPROVAL OF MARCH AGENDA

- Addition to meeting: Discuss next month's meeting
 - Motion to approve agenda by Carrie Geiger
 - Seconded by Stella Bachman
 - Upon Vote: Motion passed 15-0

FACULTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE – Stella Reporting with Secretary

- Winter market was successful – clubs came out to recruit and sell merchandise
- Planning prom – May 20th (theme is masquerade)
- Discussions with Dr. Marchman about Pathways – went well, but would also be beneficial if we could open this up to the school. Student Government would like to facilitate another discussion about this with Dr. Marchman and the other classes.
 - Vision: putting up a poll for questions on Instagram and have a moderator (town hall) in person to ask the collected questions

FACULTY POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES – Jon Mundorf

- Discussion and Updates on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
 - School Calendar
 - August 1-9 – professional learning days – no student attendance
 - Aug 10 – first day of school for students
 - Aug 10-11 and Jan 10-11 – half days for secondary A/B course schedules
 - Thanksgiving week – holiday for all week
 - Winter holidays – beginning Dec 21-Jan 9
 - Dec 21-22 – flex days (hurricane, etc.) and could be used if needed
 - Inquiry showcase now in October (1st semester) to help teachers share their first semester research without overlapping into the second semester (spring)
 - March 4-8 – spring break, aligns with UF Spring Break but not with ACPS
 - May 24 – last day of school for students
 - Notes: recommendation that the school should reach out to parents to get feedback on dates that don't align with ACPS and extended winter break to see what hardships our calendar might present

SUB COMMITTEE – Student Activity Fee Proposal – Brian Marchman

- Parent concerns heard included: gradual steps presented are still a very quick increase, equity across the divisions (elementary may not benefit from increase as much as secondary – trying to head this off with assistance to Animal Kingdom and DC field trips)
- The step plan was preferred over other option (automatically to \$500)
- Need a one-page summary for parents to show where the fees are going to help demonstrate why fees and increases are necessary
- Increase coming 2024-2025 school year
 - Motion to approve agenda by Hakeem
 - Seconded by Lori
 - Upon Vote: Motion passed 15-0

SUB COMMITTEE – SAC Committee By-Laws – Sarah Bell (other committee members: Hakeem Hasan, Wantanisha Morant also present)

- Edit from “Teacher to Faculty” (4th bullet)
 - Motion to approve agenda by Lisa
 - Seconded by Jon
 - Upon Vote: Motion passed 15-0

SUB COMMITTEE – Faculty Travel Increase Proposal – Jon Mundorf (Lori, Lisa, Meryl also on committee)

- Not requesting a vote at this time
- Working on some other supplementary funding – continued discussions

NEXT MEETING – Marisa Stukey

- Marisa and Sarah will be out for DC Field Trip
- Options to not hold meeting, reschedule meeting to April 11 (PTO parents scheduled for that time), hold meeting as is, or hold votes/business virtually/electronically
 - Next meeting might need votes on Faculty Travel Increase or new membership fulfillments
 - Proposal that we meet 4 times a year – discussion item on the next in-person meeting
 - Consensus: MEETING MOVED to APRIL 11
 - Agenda: activity fees, sac membership, travel increase

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Carrie Geiger with Matt Nero

- Student performance Update
 - focus on mathematics (where we need growth)
 - Planning time professional development and data dives (Eureka, Center for Collaborative Classroom, Being a Reader, Math Nation, etc.)
 - Student success team meetings
 - Tutoring and extended day for students (partners with UF, etc.)
- Admissions Update
 - Selections made for 9/6/K
 - Remind individuals to update their online application
 - 282 K applications for 54 seats
 - 23% increase in applications
- Co-Curricular Update
 - 18 Thespians went to Tampa to compete in 2023 Thespian State Completion
 - 5 Superiors, 1 Excellent Awards
 - Robotics 4118 Robotics team (10th out of 54) competed in Semi Finals – Quality award for their robot Danosaur for technical accomplishments in plan, design, construction, operation of their robot
 - 1st place robotics, Number 1 in Florida Junior Varsity
 - Junior – Lillian Neste – made Olympic trials for swimming
- Senior Update
 - Students have accepted offers for UF, Florida Polytechnical U, Miami, Stetson, and Florida State
 - Many bright futures scholarships reported!

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE – Brian Marchman

- Number 1 challenge at PK continues to be the retention and recruitment of faculty
 - 30 new faculty in less than 1 year
 - Career Fair on April 1st to meet prospective faculty members
- Facilities upgrades are another challenge – looking to the gym
 - Ranks 3rd on the UF Capital Projects list
 - Hopeful to have an announcement soon
 - Going to lobby for this in April with students
- Pathways update: roll out was fast, we are working on more and more of the fine details, and we are learning a lot about what the school needs
 - Tutoring program helping with increased rigor in the plan
 - Pathways for 2023-2024 will incorporate a lot of SAT/ACT prep and effective writing
- Active search for athletic director and new football coach
 - 25 applicants currently
 - Hope to make decision in the next month
- Thank you to the group for the updating the activity fees – that was a difficult discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm by Marisa Stukey