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P.K. Yonge School Advisory

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

September 10, 2024

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Secondary Building 1st Floor, Blue Wing

[School Advisory Council Documents](#)

- I. Call to order 5:37pm
- II. Introduce 24-25 SAC Members

Dr. Marisa Ramirez-Stukey - Chair - Present
Wantanisha Morant - Co-chair - ROLLING OFF - Absent
Dr. Sarah Bell - Secretary (5/6th) - Present
Dr. Brain K. Marchman - Director (10/7th) - Present
Dr. Carrie Geiger - Secondary Principal - Present
Dr. Ashley Pennypacker-Hill - Elementary Principal - Absent
Dr. Nigel Newbutt - College of Education - Present
Dr. Lori Dassa - College of Education - Present
Destini Williams - Student Body President - Present
Gabe Lee - Faculty Policy Council Chair - Present
Caley Rappa - Elementary Faculty - Present
Megan Miller - Middle School Faculty - Present
Hakeem Hasan - High School Faculty - Present
Tish Andrews-Hawkins - Support Staff - Present



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Cinton Alford - Elementary Family Rep - Present
Dr. Sarah Bell - Elementary Family Rep - Present
Brian Mathien - Middle School Family Rep - Absent
Wantanisha Morant - Middle School Family Rep - ROLLING OFF - Absent
Jennifer Greer - High School Family Rep - ROLLING OFF - Absent
Alisha Williams - High School Family Rep - Present
Janine Williams - Community Rep - Present
Rob Cox - Community Rep - Present
Meryl Kline - Community Rep - Present
Regina Wims - Community Rep - Present
Dr. Marisa Ramirez Stukey - Community Rep - Present
Erin Scarborough - Community Rep - Present
Mickey McDonald - Guest
Kim Dotts - Hoehnle
Ross Van Boven - Guest
Christa Blaske - Guest
Lissette Monzon Paz - Guest
Monica Webb - Guest
Angie Flavin - Guest
Monica Deel - Guest
Rachel - Guest
Jennie Archer - Guest
Lindsey Franklin - Guest



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Jillian Miley - Guest
Natalie James - Guest
John Bell - Guest
Dr. Mario Toussaint - Guest
Christy Gabbard - Guest

III. Consent Agenda

- a. April 2024 Minutes - Approved
- b. September 2024 Agenda - Approved
- c. Confirmation of SAC Officers for 2024-2025
 - i. Chair: Marisa Stukeley - Confirmed
 - ii. Co-Chair: Call for volunteers - none came forward - will solicit via email
 - iii. Secretary: Sarah Bell - Confirmed

IV. Annual Training for School Advisory Council Members - This was emailed out

V. Director's Update

- a. Schoolwide goals - 5 school goals including:
 - i. Achieving 80% of students qualifying for Bright Futures Scholarships
 - ii. Earn FDOE school of excellence distinction
 - iii. Achieve 100% participation rate on AP exams by 2025
 - iv. Exceed FL AP course qualifying rates by 2025
 - v. Rise to the USN&WR Top 5% of schools in FL - Elementary, Middle, High by 2027
- b. FL BOG / UF BOT expectations
- c. Faculty retention success: New hire numbers have dropped, more faculty are staying at PK
- d. Record 12 faculty promotions!
- e. PK Pre-K launch: 20 (4-YO) students are enrolled! 2-certified educators teaching our PK Pre-K-ers
- f. Healthy Living Initiative
- g. Advancement progress (School Grade = A)
- h. Gym build report: Back on! Probably one and half years before demolition of



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the old gym

- i. Student Activity Fee Budget: 2005 was the last adjustment of the student activity fee (will not increase this year - Board of Trustees are pausing fee increases)
- VI. Principals' Update
- a. Elementary Update - Dr. Geiger for Dr. Pennypacker Hill
 - i. 10 Pre-K learners are moving up to Kindergarten early
 - ii. Pre-K through 5th grade hands-on science lab has been added this year - connected to science occurring in the classroom
 - iii. 1x per week dedicated science teacher co-teaches with classroom teachers for hands-on learning
 - b. Secondary Update - Dr. Geiger
 - i. Thank you for working with us on the new traffic pattern and new start time
 - ii. Tardies have gone down in secondary, middle schoolers have zero tardies
- VII. Student Government Update – Destini Williams, 2024-2025 Student Body President
- a. Club showcase was last week (set up to talk to others about clubs and sell merch)
 - b. COMMITTEES: Staff Appreciation-for teachers (bday, babies, weddings); Homecoming Planning (selling tickets, scheduling and planning); Outreach (touring new students, helping with open house); Communications (social media); Athletics (pep-rally)
 - c. Coming up? HIGH TIDE: homecoming game and dance, alumni in the parade, going to FASC in NOV –**Florida Association of Student Councils**
- VIII. Faculty Policy Council Update – Gabe Lee, 24-25 FPC Chair - First meeting was 9.9.2024 focusing to revamp council committees
- IX. School Improvement Plan – Dr. Ross Van Boven: School subgroups are required to perform at or above 41% of students passing on state assessments (schools are identified as in need of targeted support or intervention if they fall below for 3-consecutive years, and at 6 consecutive years, schools are identified as in need of comprehensive support and intervention); Our “Students with Disabilities” subgroup had fallen below the threshold 3-years in a row; but has risen now for the past 2-years to 47% in 2022-23 and 55% to 2023-2024 - moving us out of the state spotlight for low performing subgroups
- X. Programs and Procedures Manual for Exceptional Student Education - Kim Dotts- Hoehnle, ESE Coordinator: Every 3-years the state requires to review the school's plan/process for identifying students with Special Needs.



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PKY is unique because we don't have a continuum of services that we can provide. Typically our services are speech/language, occupational therapy, etc. 8% of our students are identified as having a disability, 12% of Elementary, 9% of Middle School, and 5% of High School students.

- XI. Balanced Calendar 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028: Moving with the era, hoping to eliminate the “summer slide” effect.
 - a. On the new calendar: 1st day is July 28; Intercession Weeks in OCT; Running Intercessions for intervention and enrichment needs
 - b. Last day is still May 22nd
 - c. Additional communication for students/families and teacher options will follow if this is passed
 - d. Would E-learning days continue with this plan? - this will need to be reviewed - it is part of the current experiment that we are running now and we will need to look at that data
 - e. Why wait so long to draw up the implementation of this plan? We wanted to slow things down for planning to make sure the programming is good quality experiences for our students, especially for the intercession weeks - additionally we need to negotiate faculty time, currently faculty are currently 10 month employees with UF. This has to be resolved also
 - f. BOT hasn't weighed in an opinion on the balanced calendar? We have not heard from BOT on this issue.
 - g. Is the school calendar subject to their review by BOT? Yes, they are the official school board
 - h. What were the results of the vote from last year on the balanced calendar? Majority of votes from the survey last year report yes or possibility with more info would support at 75% families and 80% faculty — Approved unanimously



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XII. Faculty Travel Request Presentations

Request	SAC Decision
Lindsey Franklin, NCTE – Nov. 20-24, Boston, \$2,000	Approved at \$2,000
Carla-Ann Brown, NCTE – 11/20-24, Boston (included on other form for CPED below)	
Megan Koppitch, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$400	Approved at \$400
Natalie James, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$1,394	Approved at \$1,394
Megan Miller, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$2,600	Approved at \$2,000
Jillian Miley, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$2,026	Approved at \$2,000
Jon Mundorf, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$2,269	Approved at \$2,000
Christa Blaske, NCTE – Nov. 21-24, Boston, \$1,980	Approved at \$1,980
**Added: Angela Flavin, NCSS - Nov. 22-24, Boston, \$1,547	Approved at \$1,547
	APPROVED COST for NCTE/NCSS attendees (9 faculty)- Dr. Geiger will try to find all the subs for this list: pending admin approval for travel in that we find subs for this group
Lisette Monzon Paz, AATSP – Sept. 19-20, Orlando, \$330* \$366 adjusted	Approved at \$366
John Bell, CPED – 10/14-17, Honolulu, \$1,240	Approved at \$1,240
Carla-Ann Brown, CPED – 10/14-17, Honolulu \$2,003.41	Approved at \$2,000



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Brenda Breil FAST – Oct. 24-26, Tampa, \$500	Approved at \$500
Dicy Watson, FCEC - Oct. 9-12, Gainesville, \$230	Approved at \$230
Ashley Pennypacker Hill, FCEC – Oct. 9-12, Gainesville, \$230	Approved at \$230
Dr. Jean Sterner-Bolejack, NCTM – Sept. 25-28, Chicago, \$1,280	Approved at \$1,280

Note: Dr. Toussaint expressed his thanks for sending him to London, England to the Computing Conference!

XIII. PKY Community Discussion

Melissa Mastrogiovanni - with regards to the schedule, are we reaching out to the community so they can come to offer special programs during those breaks? The school has not done a lot of this... please help and join us if you like as a parent rep to work with Mr. Lee - he is spearheading this committee

ADJOURN 7:11pm

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

- a. November 12
- b. February 11
- c. April 8