

School Advisory Council meeting
May 20, 2014

Called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Members in attendance: Paul Manning, Liesl O'Dell, Helen Zee, Gary Boulware, Carrie Litchfield, Lindsey Ammons, Cathy Atria, Deborah Hill, Lynda Hayes, Kathy Olmos, Janie Williams, Paige Allison, Meryl Klein, Charlotte Mendez.

Guest in attendance: China students (6), Tonya Kort, Sue Ireland, Susan Cary, Julie Henderson, Eric Hammock, Jennifer Phegly.

1. Motion to approve the agenda: Meryl Kline motion, Gary Boulware second, motion approved unanimously.
2. As part of the Director's report, students who visited China this year, shared about their trip. Questions were asked and students responded about their experience and what they learned.
3. Motion to approve minutes: Motioned by Deborah Hill, second by Helen Zee approved unanimously.
4. Teacher Conference reports.

Conference report by Tonya Kort regarding the (MTSS) Conference. She shared some of the Powerpoint slides used in her presentation of what she learned with regard to implementing Common Core State Standards (CCSS) within the MTSS model.

Conference report by Gary Boulware regarding the paper he presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference, *Market Failures: To Tax or Subsidize? That is the Question...* and the research he has been performing. He applied his research and the material he learned at other presentations with his students in class presentations and in role-modeling professional research/writing.
5. Climate survey results: Discussion about the lack of response and the concern about the lack of advertising. General themes were difficult to discern, but Communication, Uncertainty Regarding Administrative Structure, Rigor and Accountability were some issues that could be looked at more closely. The survey provides a good baseline. The Academic Program Subcommittee will evaluate the instrument and results in the Fall 2014 and prepare another administration of the survey in February 2015. Discussion was held to readdress the School Start time based on the survey and other conversation throughout the year. Administrators suggested a staggered start time between Elementary and Middle/High School to keep the Elementary Start time the same and delay the Secondary start time 15 minutes. More discussion was related to keeping the focus on academics for an hour after school for help sessions. Most members and guests recommended keeping the same schedule next year. Administrators decided to keep the schedule the same.
6. A question was raised regarding exit interviews to gather additional information for the school. Dr. Hayes shared that Exit interviews for Faculty/Staff are done by UF Human Resources and student/family withdrawals are tracked based on informal information gathered and where the student records are sent. Tracking the reason why families leave with a few questions may help inform policies.
7. Managing Student parking. Students purchase parking permits. Parking fees will be reduced next year to accommodate family needs. Warning notices were placed on student vehicles to remind them to purchase permits and the fee was reduced at the end of the year. Questions were raised about the possibility of purchasing permits for particular spots. Dr. Boulware shared the positive student response to the reduction in cost of parking permits.
8. Elections for Parent Representatives. New Parent Representatives for each division are as follows:

Elementary: Jennifer Greer and Meryl Kline Terms (2014) and (2014-2015) will need to be determine at the August meeting.

Middle: Paul Manning (2014-2015)

High: Jennifer Phegley and Susan Cary. Terms (2014) and (2014-2015) will need to be determine at the August meeting.

9. Elections for Officers:

Paige Allison was nominated to serve as Co-Chair, with limited commitment (through email communications) to Steering Committee Meetings.

Cathy Atria was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion made to accept these nominations by Lindsay Ammons, seconded by Carrie Litchfield. Motion passed 9-1,3 members left prior to the vote due to other commitments.

9. Sue Ireland presented the Comprehensive School Counseling Plan she created while on sabbatical this year. She shared from her Powerpoint presentation (attached). She requested support from SAC members to help give feedback and provide endorsement.

10. Due to the change in meeting time Jackie Sirmopoulos shared about her conference late in the meeting. She attended the Florida Council for the Social Studies. She shared that she has taken a leadership role in helping other teachers learn about the new Civics Assessment. She also learned from other conference meetings that she attended and plans to use new ideas with her students next year.

11. Dr. Atria shared about field trips that students took this year utilizing funds from the activity fees either to help with admissions or utilizing the bus for transportation. Field trips included Elementary Chorus at Splitz. 2-3 to JAX Zoo. K-1 to Publix. 4-5 grade to DC. 6-8 to Camp Kalaqua. 8th to Sea World. Marine Biology to Flagler County, Cedar Key, and Key Largo. APES to Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Harrell's class to Shelley Frazer Mickle's house.

Adjourn at 6:25 p.m.