

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

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Secondary Building, 1st Floor, Blue Wing

Member Attendance:

Brian Marchman, Nigel Newbutt, Lori Dassa, Bryce Stevenson, Sarah Bell, Hakeem Hasan, Rob Cox, Alisha Williams, Tish Andrews-Hawkins, Jennifer Greer, Wantanisha Morant, Ashley Pennypacker-Hill, Kate Bjorn, Chuck Commeret, Caley Rappa, Megan Miller, Cinton Alford, Brian Mathien, Erin Scarborough, Marisa Stukey

Member Absences: Janine Willimans, Meryl Klein, Regina Wims, Carrie Geiger

Meeting called to order at 5:32 by Dr. Marisa Stukey

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of April Minutes ✓**
- **September Meeting Agenda ✓**
- **Confirmation of SAC Officers for 2023-2024 ✓**
 - **Chair: Marisa Stukey ✓**
 - **Co-Chair: Wantanisha Morant ✓**
 - **Secretary: Sarah Bell ✓**

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR SAC MEMBERS – Dr. Marchman Presenting

Reminder: All SAC business and discussions should happen during official SAC meetings (not held over email or other media)

- Question – Are announcements made about SAC meeting times to the PK Community? – Yes, over social media, however, we can add an email message to families as well.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Dr. Pennypacker-Hill Presenting for Carrie Geiger (abs)

- Introduction of new faculty members
- Attendance initiatives
- Classroom observations focus – less formal
- Elementary Pathway Connection to Secondary – options for paths in Robotics, Computer Science, and Entrepreneurship
- Testing Window for FAST is open

- Secondary Academic Study Hall in Session 3-4pm – A quiet focused space for homework, projects, journaling, Khan Academy, Tutoring also available (teachers are rotating in Study Hall), schedules posted around school

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE – Brian Marchman

- Back-to-School Data
- PK HS is now #38 in Florida! – out of 1030 HS in Florida, PK went from 65th to 38th in 1 year
- New UF VP of PreK-12 (Penny Schwinn) has been named by UF President. We are unsure how this new position will interact with PKY yet.
<https://news.ufl.edu/2023/09/dr-penny-schwinn-joins-uf/>
- Overhead Assessment – New fees from UF on facilities and other charges amount to more than \$600,000. PKY is increasing the student population to offset this new tax. Penalties for over class size limits have been lifted across the state due to teacher shortages. One to Two students are being added to each class.
- Student Activity Fees – Last year, SAC voted to increase the student activity fees for the next coming year. However, review of UF policy documents indicate a cap of \$300 has been written. Revision of the cap will be requested to being increasing activity fees for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Gymnasium Update – Kate Bjorn (Student Body President) and Dr. Marchman and other students went to the state capitol to rally funds for the new gym. Funding was approved.
- Endowment Update – Discussion on gifts for future use. Note: Monies earmarked for specific purposes cannot be reallocated to pay for the new UF facilities tax.
- Faculty Promotions – Faculty Rappa, Flavin, and Geiger were promoted this year! Several others are awaiting decisions.
- Pathways – continue to communicate pathways options
- Personalized Education Plan – 6-12 graders participating in writing goals for college and career readiness
- Inquiry and Investigations Symposium scheduled for October 20th – a Teacher work day

STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE – Kate Bjorn, Student Body President

August and September Events:

- Staff Appreciation Activities
- Grade Level Competitions
- Fundraisers
- Pep Rally
- Club Showcase
- Mental Health Video
- Ice Cream Social
- Meet and Greet Day (17 members served as guides)

October and November Events:

- Winter Homecoming

- FASC (Florida Association for School Councils) Meeting in November
- Hosting/Participating in Morning Show after Homecoming
- Grade Level Competition (Deck the Halls)

FACULTY POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES – Chuck Commeret, Chair

Policy Council Goals

- Building trust between faculty and administration and supporting teacher resilience
- Reframing the council to be more inclusive of everyone

FACULTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

- Sterner, National Council Teachers of Mathematics (Approved at \$2000)
- Hemmerich, Florida Association for Theatre Education (Approved at \$584)
- Brown, Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference (Approved at \$1989.50)
- Turner, Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference (Approved at \$1989.50)
- Johnson, Florida Art Education Association (Approved at \$798)
- Bennett, Adobe Max: The Creativity Conference (Approved at \$2000)
- Watson, 2023 Florida Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference (Approved at \$705.28)
- James, 2023 Florida Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference (Approved at \$705.28)
- Flavin, 2023 Florida Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference (Approved at \$705.28)
- Umpierre, 2023 Florida Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference (Approved at \$705.28)
- Miller, National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference (Approved at \$2000)
- Kovach, National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference (Approved at \$2000)
- Mundorf, National Council of Teachers of English (Approved at \$2000)
- Czyz, National Council of Teachers of English (Approved at \$2000)
- Miley, National Council of Teachers of English (Approved at \$2000)
- Franklin, National Council of Teachers of English (Approved at \$2000)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm by Marisa Stukey