

OCSA

School Advisory Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

Call to order 6:05 Dennis Neal

Introductions: Mr. Neal

Membership:

- Chair: Jennifer Weymouth
- Co-Chair: Caleb Lungstrum
- Secretary: Patrick Rock
- Treasurer: Linda Alexander
- Fundraising chair/ Communications: Samanta Hiralal
- Fundraising chair/ Communications: Natasha Crouch
- School Board Liaison: Trisha Vanderbeck
- Student member: Cristopher Bulger
- Student member:

Motion to approve Membership for 24-25 Slate: Jennifer Weymouth 2nd: Cristopher Bulger

Sunshine Laws: SAC meetings are guided by Florida Sunshine Laws and are part of the public record. SAC members asked about public notice of meetings and agenda. Mr. Neal said that the new Assistant Principal in charge of SAC Ms. Tessler will add those items to the website. SAC secretary will send the SAC notes to Ms. Tessler for inclusion in the next month’s meeting.

SAC Meeting Dates: OCSA SAC will meet the second Monday of each month

August: n/a	January 13, 2025
September 7, 2024	February 10, 2025
November 4, 2024	March 10, 2025
October 7, 2024	April 14, 2025
December 9, 2024	May 12, 2025
	June: n/a

OASIS Volunteer approval: SAC members need to be OASIS approved. Mr. Neal asks that all SAC members apply for OASIS approval.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) Approval: needs to be finalized by the end of the September. Members will be emailed a copy for approval, as the district has not approved the tentative plan yet.

Area of Focus 1: Acceleration (number of students in Advanced Placement courses). Student percentages have been declining in those classes and first goal is to enroll more students in those advanced classes. ACE class has been added with a lot of 9th graders, Digital design class has many students enrolled as well.

Area of Focus 2: Math gains in the lowest quartile – still among the highest numbers in the district, but not trending up

Area of Focus 3: Science achievement on 8th grade State Science Assessment was lower than prior year, goal is to improve on those.

Security: Conducting random searches of certain classrooms with metal detectors, new state law requires all doors to be locked and/ or manned at all times. This has been a challenge for operations as it requires more personnel to man those doors. SAC asked about role of School Resource Officer (SRO) and duties as related to school operations and security.

Update on Construction: HVAC moving to a new area of the grounds. Three-story building to begin construction – should last a year or year and six months. This building will contain 90-95% of the academic classrooms. Road out the back of the grounds will become the bus entrance (School Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) requires separation). Transportation will become an issue in near future because of construction – there will be a drainage/ retention pond, new paved parking lot, fix for flooding of the orchestra pit in the auditorium. Admin is looking into ways to mitigate the issues, possibly staggered schedule for dismissal of busses, cars, etc. Multiple changes to layouts of the school will begin soon with phase 1 of construction. One issue has been up-keep of the pond area in front of school – this is not owned by OCSA, but no other authority has been keeping it in order (grass mowed, etc.) This year has been an uptick on numbers of students who arrive/ dismiss as car riders. SAC brought up possible staggered dismissal and possible problems with students who dismiss different ways on different days.

Purpose of SAC: Ms. Weymouth went over the purpose of the SAC including fundraising, communications, ideas for community outreach, provide funds for instructional needs, decisions about school functions such as SIP, teacher lead fund, bonuses.

Essentially Ellington: Production company will do a documentary about the Jazz A band, following some students. Auditorium re-do will involve taking 8 rows out of theatre – the seats could be sold as a fundraising. Dr. Rolando is the contact for the construction.

Attendance:

1. Andrea Barrow	2. Trishia Vanderbeck
3. John Barry	4. Jessica Vanderbeck, student member
5. Chris Mullen	6. Linda Alexander
7. Jennifer Weymouth	8. Francesca Alexander, student member
9. Tristan Evans, student member	10. Natasha Crouch
11. Cristopher Bulger, Student member	12. Caitlyn Lungstrum, student member
13. Delaney Dorminey, 7 th grade student	14. Tammy Lungstrum
15. Lindsey Brooks	16. Caleb Lungstrum
17. Latricia Pinder	18. Dennis Neal, Principal
19. Samanta Hiralal	20. Dr. Rolando, Assistant Principal
21. Patrick Rock	22. Ingrid Feliciano
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Next meeting: October 7th, 2024 6PM

Motion to adjourn: Weymouth, 2nd Barry