

Vero Beach High School
School Advisory Committee

March 8, 2016 4:00 pm. Media Center

Note Taker: Cindi Jorgensen

Attendees: Business: Dawn Brooks, Scott McCracken, Denise Smith
Faculty: Cynthia Jorgensen; Shawn O’Keefe; Richard Lewis; Stephen Adams;
Heather Holden
Parents: Edie Collins; Christine Hyde; Barbara Ingram; Rafael Forero; Dora
Forero; Diane Lanier
Students: Lance Lunceford

Excused: Angie Coonce

Cynthia Jorgensen called the meeting to order. The February minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Lance Lunceford to approve and was seconded by Dawn Brooks. All approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Current SAC account balance is \$31,458.51.

Principal’s Report:

End of year activities commencing.

- Scholars ceremony is April 11th. Since the criteria has been changed to unweighted 3.75, the ceremony is actually more inclusive and the number of participants will increase.
- The new school brochure was handed out and shown to SAC. A few additions for clubs and activities were suggested. Mr. O’Keefe recorded them and said he would refer them for changes.
- Banners have been made that indicate our “A School” status.
- The stadium is on-track to be usable for graduation. There is discussion regarding the actual track, which is not regulation size. Options are to send kids on busses to regulation tracks for track meets or invest in a new track for VBHS. Awaiting decision.
- Girls basketball!!! Number 1 in Florida!! Woohoo!!!

School Report Card

- School report card included charts/graphs that revealed statistics regarding graduation rates according to ethnicity and economic status for all high schools in the district. (See attached). Mrs. Ingram asked about other factors than the mentioned ones that can effect graduation rate. Males vs. Females? ESOL? Mr. O’Keefe spoke about measures that VBHS has attempted to assist students with academic achievement. Our SAC funded after-school bus transportation for students who wished to receive tutoring was

canceled due to lack of interest. There is discussion with the Gifford community leaders to offer academic assistance in the community center, and to devise other ways to increase performance.

Cindi Jorgensen

- Christine Hyde, Dian Lanier, Stephen Adams have agreed to be on the nominating committee and present at the April meeting.
- Cindi has researched the issue of meeting attendance and has been told by the District SAC person that we can amend our by-laws to allow for conference call attendance at meetings and electronic ballots for isolated situations. She will present these next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15