

# **VBHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 14th, 2017**

**Media Center: 4:00-5:10 pm**

Chair: Cynthia Jorgensen

Vice Chair: Richard Lewis

Secretary: Lance Lunceford

Treasurer: Edie Collins

**Attendees:** Students: Alexander Harrison, Lonnie Ingraham, Cody Lanier, Lance Lunceford  
Parents: Edie Collins, Christine Hyde, Dora Forero, Rafael Forero, Barbara Ingraham  
SDIRC Employees: Cynthia Jorgensen, Shawn O'Keefe (Principal)  
Business/Community: Jonnie May Perry, Percy Perry, Denise Smith  
Excused:

Guests: Laura Zorc (School Board Member, PTSA County President)

## **Opening**

Welcome: Cynthia Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Christine Hyde to approve the January minutes and seconded by Edie Collins. All were in favor: motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Edie Collins): The current balance of the SAC is \$8,218.81

## **VBHS PTSA (Laura Zorc)**

Predicament: The past VBHS PTSA President has taken another job and is calling on stakeholders to sustain the organization and its leadership.

Membership: Membership forms were made available to the SAC and all community members. The mandatory fee for membership in the PTSA is \$5.00 for students, parents, and teachers but \$10.00 for community members.

State Qualifications: The VBHS PTSA is required to have a President and a Treasurer by the Florida PTSA. An election will be held proceeding the March 14th, 2017 SAC meeting.

Intent: Laura Zorc offered SAC members membership in the VBHS PTSA and asked if they could assist in spreading the word to VBHS stakeholders regarding membership opportunities.

SAC Action:

- ❖ Cynthia Jorgensen stated that she would ask Todd Wood (Digital Design teacher at VBHS) to put a memo about the VBHS PTSA on the school website.
- ❖ Shawn O'Keefe agreed to take a look into the capability of the school to mail membership forms to VBHS families.

## **Principal's Report (Shawn O'Keefe)**

2015-2016 SDIRC Report Card for VBHS:

- I. VBHS earned a grade of C from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), gaining a cumulative score of 512 points (51%) based on the following component scores:
  - ❖ 51% English Language Arts Achievement
  - ❖ 42% English Language Arts Gains
  - ❖ 27% English Language Arts Lowest 25% Gains
  - ❖ 40% Mathematics Achievement
  - ❖ 39% Mathematics Gains

- ❖ 36% Mathematics Lowest 25% Gains
- ❖ 64% Science Achievement
- ❖ 71% Social Studies Achievement
- ❖ 60% 2014-2015 College and Career Acceleration Performance
- ❖ 82% 2014-2015 Graduation Rate

Shawn O’Keefe mentioned that out of 26 high schools in the five county region, 5 dropped two letter grades and 0 maintained their grade from the previous year.

II. In addition to the school grade, the SAC reviewed various indicators of school performance within the School Report card:

- ❖ The Parent Satisfaction Grade for VBHS was a B, based on 22% of school parents who responded to the question, “What grade would you give your child’s school?”.
- ❖ Student Performance Gains, based on the Value Added Model of measuring expected growth of individual students with similar students in the state of Florida, were ranked as “Below (Needs Improvement)” for the 2015-2016 school year. Student Performance Gains were ranked as “Exceeding (Highly Effective)” for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ❖ Student Attendance, based on the Average Daily Attendance percentage for students, was ranked as “Below (89.3%)” for the 2015-2016 school year. Student Attendance was ranked as “Below (88.4%)” for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ❖ Student Discipline, based on the percentage of students with one or more in or out of school suspensions, was ranked as “Below (15.2%)” for the 2015-2016 school year. Student Discipline was ranked as “Below (18.4%)” for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ❖ Gateway ELA Performance, based on the percent of proficient 10th grade students in English-Language Arts, was ranked as “Meeting (51%)” for the 2015-2016 school year where the state average was 50%. Gateway ELA Performance was ranked as “Meeting (53%)” for the 2014-2015 school year where the state average was 51%.
- ❖ Teacher Attendance, based on the rate of teacher attendance, was ranked as “Meeting (95.24%)” for the 2015-2016 school year. Teacher Attendance was ranked as “Below (92.53%)” for the 2014-2015 school year.

CTE Testing Discrepancy: Two VBHS teachers violated CTE certification testing rules; the discrepancy between the SDIRC and the testing company has initiated the following actions:

- All VBHS Career and Technical Education classes are currently suspended from taking career certification tests. Although this is the present situation, Shawn O’Keefe told the SAC that he suspects the situation will change.
- The teachers in question have each received suspensions without pay.
- Dr. Michael Arnett, Director of Career and Technical Education is presently overseeing all funds and matters pertaining to CTE programs.
- Testing windows have been allotted for past students of these teachers who would have taken their certification test while the teachers were violating testing rules. These students must retake their certification test otherwise their career certification will be considered invalid.

Shawn O’Keefe assured the SAC that no certificates for graduation were affected. In addition, both teachers are still teaching their respective classes.

### Closing Items

ACT Funding: Shawn O’Keefe requested funds from the SAC to cover the cost of ACT Testing for students who did not pass their EOC exams, as the ACT can be used as a substitute for students who need to fulfill their requirements to graduate. Due to its present balance, the SAC agreed to postpone the decision to allocate the funds until the next meeting.

Adjournment: Due to Cynthia Jorgensen having to leave before the meeting’s end, a motion was made by Edie Collins to adjourn at 5:10 pm and seconded by Lance Lunceford. All were in favor: motion carried.

SAC Adjourned; next meeting will be Tuesday March 14th, 2017