

# **VBHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 10th, 2017**

**Media Center: 4:00-4:47 PM**

Chair: Cynthia Jorgensen

Vice Chair: Richard Lewis

Secretary: Lance Lunceford

Treasurer: Edie Collins

**Attendees:** Students: Leif Clark, Alex Harrison, Lonny Ingram, Cody Lanier, Lance Lunceford  
Parents: Edie Collins, Dora Forero, Rafael Forero, Peggy Hollinger, Barbara Ingraham, Diane Lanier, Tracy Terpstra  
SDIRC Employees: Cynthia Jorgensen, Richard Lewis, Shawn O’Keefe (Principal), Megan Kendrick (Asst. Principal)  
Business/Community: Jonnie Mae Perry, Denise Smith

## **Opening**

Welcome: Cynthia Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. As this is the first meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year, Cynthia Jorgensen reviewed the state mandated purpose of SAC and dispersed the School District’s SAC Handbook to all that were present.

Minutes: Lance Lunceford presented the Minutes from the April meeting. A motion was made by Edie Collins and seconded by Jonnie Mae Perry to approve the April Minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Edie Collins reported that the current balance of the SAC is \$56,346.54. On the subject of funds, several points were made:

- Edie Collins urged the committee to consolidate our funding towards needed objectives to avoid the funding debacles of past years.
- Shawn O’Keefe stressed that district funding is tight across the board due to outstanding money with charter schools.

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

Homecoming: Due to poor weather, several homecoming activities were rescheduled from the week before the dance to this week, such as the powderpuff and faculty vs senior football games. The Homecoming Dance and the Parade were unimpeded by weather and proceeded as scheduled.

Theme: The theme of the year for teachers and staff members is “Building 21st Century Learners Ready to Change the World”. In conjunction with this message, SAC viewed a TED Talk by Joe Ruhl (nationally acclaimed educator) focusing on the need for a shift in the paradigm of education from teacher centered classrooms to student centered schools.

School Improvement Plan (SIP): The SAC holds the responsibility of evaluating and approving the SIP for Vero Beach High School. Megan Kendrick, the newly hired Assistant Principal at the Freshman Learning Center, presented the initial plan to the SAC. The goal of this presentation was to gain permission from the SAC to move forward on revising the SIP.

1. The process for creating this years SIP involved analyzing data, outlining barriers faced by students, drafting an action plan, instilling a timeline, and evaluating the effectiveness of past modifications.
2. The proposed SIP contained two strategic goals, as opposed to the previous years five.

Resolution: A motion was made by Lance Lunceford and seconded by Richard Lewis to approve the commencement of revising the SIP. 15 were in favor with 1 opposed; motion carried. The completed plan will be presented to the SAC at a later meeting for approval.

90% Attendance Policy: The school's attendance policy was a discussion point within the proposed SIP, particularly its effect on disadvantaged students. The SAC agreed to remain open to brainstorming improvements to the 90% Attendance Policy and move forward with the SIP.

Stadium: After a year of renovation, the football stadium is now complete.

### **Closing Items**

Student Advisory Board: Lance Lunceford proposed the creation of a Student Advisory Board as a resource to the SAC in providing the Council with a snapshot of student discussion regarding school issues and as a means of determining manners in which to improve the student culture and the school. The students present at the meeting were willing to serve on this group if it were created; the SAC agreed postpone this subject until the next meeting to review its By-Laws and enumerated charters.

Cynthia Jorgensen closed the meeting at 4:47 PM

SAC Adjourned; next meeting is November 14th, 2017.