

VBHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2017

Media Center: 4:00-5:15 pm

Chair: Cynthia Jorgensen

Vice Chair: Richard Lewis

Secretary: Lance Lunceford

Treasurer: Edie Collins

Attendees: Students: Tamara Green, Raven Harvey, Lance Lunceford
Parents: Edie Collins, Dora Forero, Rafael Forero, Barbara Ingraham, Diane Lanier, Tracy Terpstra
SDIRC Employees: Shawn O'Keefe (Principal)
Business/Community: Dawn Brooks, Cynthia Jorgensen, Denise Smith

Opening

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

Minutes: Lance Lunceford presented the Minutes from the October meeting. A motion was made by Edie Collins and seconded by Dora Forero to approve the October Minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Edie Collins reported that the current balance of the SAC is \$56,346.54.

Principal's Report (Shawn O'Keefe)

Assessments: Teachers have been giving Unit Assessments to analyze the performance of students in their classes. These tests are created by VBHS teachers and have a greater buy-in than state benchmarks. In addition, the faculty is engaging in collaborative, college style data analysis in targeting the classes and teachers with the highest test results for specific standards.

Grades: Many students are falling below the GPA requirements for graduation. With the data from the end of the first quarter, at-risk students are beginning to be targeted.

Band Trip: The VBHS Band has been invited to perform in the 2019 London New Years' Parade. Several details of the announcement were discussed:

- The trip will be optional; the cost is expected to be approximately \$3,000 per student.
- The Band has performed across the nation in such events as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Rose Bowl Parade. This is the first time within the 21st Century that the Band has been invited to perform at an international venue.
- Acceptance of the invitation is still pending School Board Approval.

Know the Law: "Know the Law" videos are being presented to students to promote a better understanding of existing laws and the consequences for violating them. The SAC was shown a portion of the video that will be presented to students in December: a School Resource Officer conducting a PowerPoint presentation to a classroom of students. Specific emphasis was placed on the consequences of school related disciplinary procedures and the dealing of illegal substances.

Closing Items

Funds: Cynthia Jorgensen, per the verbal recommendation of the SAC, agreed to distribute information on grant requests to teachers with a guideline: the teacher must justify their funds as it relates to the School Improvement Plan and student success. The SAC planned to vet requests, inviting those with merit to be presented at a later date. These were intended to consolidate funds in a targeted manner and avoid the monetary mistakes made in years past.

Cynthia Jorgensen closed the meeting at 5:16 PM
SAC Adjourned; next meeting is December 12th, 2017.