

VBHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2017

Media Center: 4:00-5:20 pm

Chair: Cynthia Jorgensen

Vice Chair: Richard Lewis

Secretary: Lance Lunceford

Treasurer: Edie Collins

Attendees: Students: Cody Lanier, Lance Lunceford
Parents: Dora Forero, Rafael Forero, Barbara Ingraham, Diane Lanier, Tracy Terpstra
SDIRC Employees: Richard Lewis, 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 November meeting. A motion was made by Cynthia Jorgensen and seconded by Diane Lanier to approve the November Minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Funds: The Treasurer was absent and therefore the Treasurer's Report was removed from the agenda. The last reported balance of the SAC was \$56,346.54 on November 14th, 2017.

SAC Grants (Cynthia Jorgensen)

The Vero Beach High School Advisory Council is able to allocate funds to educators in order to promote student achievement by supporting one or more of the goals in the School Improvement Plan. Shawn O'Keefe instructed teachers that they did not need to attend the meeting to have their requests presented due to the short amount of time in which teachers were notified of this opportunity. Cynthia Jorgensen presented the requests to the SAC.

Ceramics: A request was made for \$2331.53 to purchase a slab roller to replace the broken one for the Ceramics classroom. The grant would impact 60 students per semester and allow those students to create work in a timely fashion and assist AP students in helping them be more successful with their projects. The SAC agreed to table the item until more information could be presented to the Council due to the following concerns:

1. Whether or not it would cost more to replace the item then to fix it.
2. How long is the item going to last?
3. The potential for AP funds to purchase this item.

Library (Laura Attwood): A request was made for \$5000.00 to purchase the Accelerated Reader 360 Program (AR) for the Media Center. The request is for an online pilot program of non-fiction books and informational texts where students practice close-reading skills such as citing, highlighting, and writing that are covered in over 170,000 quizzes. The grant would impact 1,000 students. SAC was reminded of the District's cancellation of its AR funding, which placed the responsibility on individual schools. Several members attested to the credibility of the AR program in helping students learn valuable literary and critical thinking skills. A motion was made by Diane Lanier and seconded by Lance Lunceford to grant the requested funds. All were in favor; motion carried.

Culinary Program (Rick Appel): A request was made for a total of \$1,183.60 to purchase 2 Kitchen Aid Counter Mixers. The request would impact 150 students and would supply equipment that is vital to the progression of students from each of the culinary levels (1,2,3). After discussion, a motion was made by

Cody Lanier and seconded by Tracy Terpstra to grant the requested funds. All were in favor; motion carried.

After-School Tutoring (Shawn O'Keefe): The school requested \$5,000 for after-school tutoring and bus transportation. These funds would reimburse teachers who stay after school and tutor students as well as pay for bus transportation for these students. The funds would only be taken out on a needs basis, meaning that the SAC would retain them if the service ended due to a lack of student participation. After discussion, a motion was made by Tracy Terpstra and seconded by Lance Lunceford to grant the requested funds. All were in favor; motion carried.

Principal's Report (Shawn O'Keefe)

Five-Star School: VBHS was awarded a Five Star School Award for its exemplary community involvement. The metrics of the award include business partnerships, family involvement, volunteerism, student community service, and school advisory council. The award entails a seminar with the SAC, was created by the Commissioner's Community Involvement Council, and is presented annually.

School Budget: The SAC reviewed the entire School Budget. Points were raised regarding the nature of bus credit and athletic funding. The bus credit is allocated to organizations for field trips and bus rentals, but any further transportation costs must be met by the organization. Athletic funding is managed through internal accounts belonging to each program; the school budget does not cover these accounts.

Graduation Rate: The current graduation rate is estimated to be 91%, continuing the positive trend seen throughout the past two years.

Closing Items

Last Meeting of 2017: Cynthia Jorgensen wished the SAC a Happy Holidays. The SAC celebrated the last meeting of 2017 with cookies prepared for the Council by the culinary department.

Cynthia Jorgensen closed the meeting at 5:20 PM

SAC Adjourned; next meeting is January 9th, 2018