

VBHS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 13th, 2018

Media Center: 4:00-5:37 PM

Chair: Richard Lewis

Secretary: Lance Lunceford

Treasurer: Edie Collins

Principal: Shawn O'Keefe

Attendees: Students: Marianna Forero, Lonnie Ingraham, Cody Lanier, Lance Lunceford
Parents: Dora Forero, Rafael Forero, Barbara Ingraham, Tracy Terpstra, Diane Lanier
SDIRC Employees: Richard Lewis, Shawn O'Keefe (Principal)
Business/Community: Dawn Brooks

Opening Items

Welcome: Richard Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Minutes: Lance Lunceford presented the Minutes from the December meeting. A motion was made by Lance Lunceford and seconded by Dawn Brooks to approve the January Minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

Budget: The Treasurer was absent and therefore the Treasurer's Report was removed from the agenda. However, the Treasurer reported a balance of \$48,123.52 for the SAC as of 10:33 AM on March 12th, 2018.

SAC Grants

The School Advisory Council is able to award grants for requests that address one or more of Vero Beach High School's goals outlined in its School Improvement Plan. Several Grant requests were made before the SAC at this meeting.

Math Team: VBHS math teacher Paula Hoekzema requested funds for the Math team's upcoming trip to the National Mu-Alfa Theta Convention. The trip costs \$950 per student, but through fundraising the organization is typically able to get the cost down to \$300 per student. The request outlined the need to ensure there is seed money in the account for next year's fundraising opportunities. There was no specific amount requested from the SAC.

Ceramics: The SAC revisited an earlier request that had been tabled due to insufficient information provided at the time of the request at the December 2017 meeting. The request was for a slab roller for the Ceramics classroom. Nicki Bott, the Ceramics teacher, was able to attain AP funding and requested \$1000 to help fund the purchase of the slab roller.

PBIS: Edie Robertson, Assistant Principal in charge of leading the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Team, requested \$1000-\$2000 to fund PBIS initiatives that would offer incentives for students to exhibit positive behavior in school.

Grants: After deliberation on each of the requests, the SAC awarded the following Grants:

- \$4000 to fund the Math Team's Trip to Nationals, contingent on \$1000 of the Grant being utilized as seed money for fundraising activities the following year.
- \$1000 to purchase a slab roller for the Ceramics classroom.
- \$1500 to fund PBIS initiatives that encourage positive student behavior.

New Initiatives

Members of the SAC Executive Committee presented information to the SAC concerning new initiatives and future items. Richard Lewis stated the purpose of this presentation was to keep the SAC informed as to the activities of the Council's leadership.

Grant Requests: Lance Lunceford presented the new Grant Application that individuals requesting funds from the SAC will be required to fill out before presenting their request to the Council. The new form is more comprehensive and requires information that is pertinent to the SAC's mandate for awarding Grants.

Nominating Committee: Richard Lewis announced that the Nominating Committee will be formed after the April meeting. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chair, will select candidates for next year's SAC Officers. The Committee will report their candidates at the May meeting, where the Council will elect the Officers for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

By-Law Revision: Lance Lunceford announced he will be presenting a proposed revision of the entire SAC By-Laws at either the April or May meeting. The purpose of the revision is to update the document and revise the language to be more contiguous with the SAC's mandated objectives and operational guidelines, provided by the School District and the State of Florida.

Principal's Report

Campus Beautification: The Sunrise Rotary Club donated 100+ trees to the Freshman Learning Center campus. In addition, the Cultural Council of Indian River County will continue to utilize the overflow parking at the FLC for customers. The School has decided on a burgundy and off-white color to be painted onto the outside walls of the FLC to re-model the old building.

Cleanliness: Principal O'Keefe announced there is a new district officer overseeing school cleanliness that is utilizing germ-detecting technology, upgraded instruments, and tighter procedures for ensuring schools are clean.

Graduation Rate: The GD rate for the class of 2017 was 91%, continuing the upward trend over the past five years.

School Safety: In the wake of the tragic Parkland shooting, VBHS along with the School District have begun implementing the following procedures to ensure VBHS remains secure and student safety is guaranteed:

- Code Red drills and specialized active shooter drills are being planned and will be executed in the following weeks.
- Entrances have been limited to the Front Office and the East Parking Gate, both of which are being monitored by campus security. Metal signs have been posted to direct visitors to the front office.
- VBHS currently has three School Resource Officers, but has increased the number of security guards to five.

ALICE: The SAC was shown a more in-depth look at what students were presented with after the shooting. A video detailing the ALICE procedure was shown to the SAC members to demonstrate what students will be directed to do in the event of an active shooter scenario.

Richard Lewis closed the meeting at 5:37

SAC adjourned; next meeting will be on April 10th, 2018 at 4 PM