

SAC Minutes October 15th, 2018

Attendance

Dariyall Brown Brenda Carley Joanne Holmes

Terri Lamb Karen Rutledge

A. Call to Order

A meeting of the Sebastian River High School Advisory Council was held on October 15th, 2018 in the Teacher Lounge Room N146. Dariyall Brown acted as chairman in the absence of Mr. Valencia, called the meeting to order at 3:33pm. Joanne Holmes will record the minutes for this meeting

B. Action Items

1. Approval of the minutes of September 17th, 2018, was referred to next meeting for a lack of quorum.
2. School Recognition Money Committee-since our school has received a grade B, we will be receiving money from the state. Mr. Brown noted that an amount is not known yet. A committee will be appointed to discuss how the money is distributed. A decision will be made to determine if all staff and faculty will participate
3. Balancing SAC membership per state guidelines-tabled until the next meeting to allow Ms. Holmes to provide the information needed to access requirements to comply

C. Sharing

1. Mr. Brown shared some statistically driven data with the committee:

School attendance for September was 92%

We have 1930 students currently enrolled, an increase in about 100 from last year

We have had a 72% decrease in referrals compared to last year

There is a 65% decrease in the number of in school suspensions

Currently there is an increase of 110% in Out of school suspensions compared to last year, mostly due to several fights that have occurred this year

We received an 88% on the cleanliness report that examined key areas of our school, including all the teaching wings, restrooms, cafeteria, courtyard and other main areas of the school

2. In conjunction with promoting a positive environment there will be a quarterly recognition that will take place. A Fall Festival is being planned for students with perfect attendance and no referrals. This event will take place on October 17th, it will include things like a dunk tank, snacks, games and other fun items for the students. There is a \$5,000 budget for this event. Parents are encouraged to come and participate.
3. Mr. Brown spoke to the group about Panorama, the survey that students will be taking in their English classes. The survey not anonymous, but students may opt out. Administration will follow up on any students who express concerns however, the focus is to gauge student feelings and

attitudes in the school. The survey will take place on October 22 during English class, it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Student who express concerns about bullying, abuse, or other safety issues will be addressed and they will have an opportunity to discuss their feeling with administration

4. To further promote a positive atmosphere in the school, Mr. Brown has arranged for several speakers to come to SRHS. Teen Truth is an assembly that features such topics as Bullying, Suicide, Mental Health, Student Leadership, Drugs and Alcohol and Self-Esteem. Lifetouch is paying for this program and there will be no cost to the school

Another speaker who will present to our students is Bobby Petrocelli. His message is "You Matter, will you be you" Bobby is a renowned speaker, best-selling author, and certified speaking professional. These speakers are being scheduled on Wednesday half days and will include as many students as possible to get these important messages out to our young people.

5. Joanne Holmes reminded member to attend F.A.C.E.S. on Tuesday night at Sebastian Middle School and Thursday at Oslo Middle School from 6-8. This will be an opportunity to speak out about your concerns and to hear important information about our school safety plans, as well as other topics of concern. Dr. Rendall, School Board members, law enforcement, and other community members will be there to take questions and provide information.

D. Next meeting Monday, November 12, 2018 at 3:30

E. Meeting adjourned at 4:20