

Falcon Cove Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting (SAC) Minutes – May 5, 2009

A general meeting of Falcon Cove SAC was held at Falcon Cove Middle School.

In attendance were Tamiko Armbrister, Lisa Bandman, Silvia Bibiloni-Carr, Roseanne Caretsky, Jeannie Dempsey, Kari Freesman, Marilyn Johnson, Lilian Kabeche, Ruthy Kabeche, Mark Kaplan, Maricel Mayol, Lynn Michaelides, Juan Ospina, Patria Pichardo, Laurie Fabritius Reichow, Sandra Reynolds, Nancy Richards, Jackie Rutledge, Maria Scalone, Shelley Shamp, Amy Siskind, Daniel Slowik, Ilza Sterling, Shari Stupp and Dalia Zayas .

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am by Juan Ospina. A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Lynn Michaelides and seconded by Maricel Mayol.

Principal's Report by Mark Kaplan:

- *Thank you to PTA who has been everywhere & gotten incredible involvement; ty for staff appreciation things
- *Thank you Mr. Slowik for Rachel's Challenge; there was positive feedback to the second year program
- *"Little Shop of Horrors" in top 2 plays Mr. Kaplan has seen here
- *8th grade dance was safe, wonderful, a good time etc.
- *A lot going on in May to close out year & celebrate what's been accomplished
- *5.0 in Writing, only school to have 5.0 or higher 3 consecutive years
- *Still working with remediation & recovery, need all 4 core classes passed all 3 years to get into high school...only <10 kids in this situation
- *NJHS event was great (chaired by Tamiko for the first time), 10% of 7th graders were identified for it
- *Brand new marquee is in, one moved to other side of school
- *Confirmation that single point of entry project will begin when school gets out
- * Looking at creating email database so if something happens over weekend, an email blast can be sent
- *Thank you for being on SAC
- *2009 Open House orientation will have 7th & 8th at separate times (same day sep. times vs diff. day was discussed)

Reading Report by Laurie Fabritius Reichow: There will be a Parent Power Night, trying to have learning extend into summer; finishing assessments & planning for next year based on results

ESE Report by Lisa Bandman: Finishing IEP's, EP's, FBA's & PBIP's; visiting elem. Schools re incoming students; happy that it looks like FCAT will not be considered for retention/promotion purposes

Language Arts Report by Jackie Rutledge: Writing: kids are thrilled, self esteem high, tchrs. proud of selves & students; approx. 120 kids w/ 6's & 97% scored 3.5 or higher; ty to tchrs. who helped; working on summer rdng list

Electives Report by Shelley Shamp: Running smoothly; peer counselors excited to go to feeder schools & answer questions & feeder schools will come here & they will greet them; signatures are being done for certain electives

ELL Report by Ilza Sterling: Wrapping up Cela testing & working on placement for next year

Science Report by Marilyn Johnson: Creating a new instructional focus calendar b/c of new standards; 7th & 8th grades are doing human life & human development

Spanish Report by Silvia Bibiloni-Carr:

Math Report by Shari Stupp: Speaker coming to talk about free online resources

PTA Report by Lilian Kabeche: Thank you for nomination for Lilian & Ruthy for Community Involvement awards; thanks for volunteer movie & lunch; we recently did the autism walk, teacher appreciation & 8th grade dance...all were successful

Jeannie Dempsey: Need to nominate SAC committee for next year; 10 year anniversary; thank you to long time members Janet Fernandez & Maressa Etzig; the SAC Board nominees are: Juan & Sandra (continuing as chairpeople), Roseanne Caretsky (continuing as business partner), Natasha Samagon (new to the board), Lori Levinson, Lilian Kabeche, Patria Pichardo, Nancy Marrero-Hardy Maricel Mayol, Lynn Michaelides, Maria Scalone, Amy Siskind and Dalia Zayas; SAC must mirror demographics of the school; A motion to approve the nominees was made by Shelley Shamp and seconded by Daniel Slowik.

Upcoming Events/New Business: Juan read scheduled events from agenda, corrections & explanations were made. Tamiko thanked Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Slowik & PTA for help w/ NJHS.

Juan Ospina moved to adjourn the mtg. Daniel Slowik seconded the motion. Mtg adjourned at 8:40am.