

**Falcon Cove Middle School
School Advisory Council
October 2009 Minutes**

A general meeting of Falcon Cove SAC was held at Falcon Cove Middle School. In attendance were Tamiko Armbrister, Lisa Bandman, Silvia Bibiloni-Carr, Susie Bonis, Matt Brand, Steven Bryant, Jeannie Dempsey, Cristiane Gasparetto, Cassandra Gordon, Jarod Hedrick, Marilyn Johnson, Mark Kaplan, Jonathan Leff, Laurie Levinson, Lynn Michaelides, Juan Ospina, Patria Pichardo, Laurie Fabritius Reichow, Sandra Reynolds, Randy Rosenberg, Jackie Rutledge, Shelley Shamp, Amy Siskind, Ilza Sterling, Shari Stupp and Dalia Zayas

The meeting was called to order at 8:16am by Juan Ospina

A motion to approve the September minutes (correct 2 typos) was made by Lynn Michaelides and seconded by Dalia Zayas

Principal's Report by Mark Kaplan:

- *Mr. Kaplan began by opening a gift to the school from the city for being an "A" school
- *Thank you to Ms. Armbrister, Ms. Zayas, Ms. Bartleman & Ms. Gordon for NJHS induction
- *Focus on making AYP utilizing safe harbor; ESE & ELL students, of non proficient kids 10% more must become proficient; AYP is about proficiency NOT learning gains like in the past
- *Morning program has 60 kids, 95 more invited; run by the people who know these students best so the kids benefit
- *Final stages of single point entry project, but not done yet & capital funding is a problem
- *FTE 2,425 enrollment
- *FC has some funding but it's frozen; if something is essential it can be ordered; anticipating reduction again next year, stimulus money will soon run out
- *Things are going great; starting new clubs if legitimate & have a sponsor; couple of kids want to break world record in water rocketry
- *Mr. Leff going to another school for 9 weeks

Behavior Data Analysis by Tamiko Armbrister: An increase in behavioral issues in September, but it's compared to August which only had two weeks of school; there is training going on to reduce bullying...3 programs, Safe Schools Ambassadors, Crime Watch Students & Rachel's Program; 75 ambassadors right now; there is follow-up immediately when kids report things

Spanish Report by Silvia Bibiloni-Carr: High school credits are given for Spanish classes; there are programs on the computer to help students with these classes; Cypress Honor Society offered to tutor FC kids in Spanish; teachers are doing things for Hispanic Heritage month; focusing on communication...speaking; Rios replaced Acosta who left

Language Arts Report by Steven Bryant for Jackie Rutledge: Discussed AYP & virtual counselor; making sure all students are targeted; Mr. Bryant added from himself, not from Ms. Rutledge's report...amazing what they are doing with writing in this department

Social Studies Report by Steven Bryant: Mrs. Reichow is helping w/ reading in this area; looking at pushing to higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy; using Renzulli; we're good but want to get better

Special Interest Report by Shelley Shamp: Our numbers in the elective classes are high; a lot going on...Drama has a show, the talent show is new; thank you to Mrs. Reichow for coming in and helping; (a conversation about class size then took place)

Reading Report by Laurie Fabritius Reichow: Still working on instructional reading strategies, mini BATS & Reading Odyssey; starting Pages for Pizza again; small reading groups for intense groups; FCAT prep on early release day

ESE: Dept. of Education coming next week to look at compliance; Project Impact- morning extra tutoring with strategies; created new Wilson program for Intensive Readers; Gifted is continuing Renzulli program

Guidance: 2 days left of quarter; Nov. 12 report cards; Nov. 17, 18, 19 Benchmarks; various screening for 6th grade ie BMI; starting guidance corner on website; magnet showcase is coming

Math Report by Shari Stupp: Still same...91% proficient in math; Intensive & Inclusion teachers met to see what can be done to improve math for the lowest scoring kids; teachers are making lessons more exciting

SRO: Deputy Brand introduced himself; he's full time; security staff is tight w/ kids, kids talk to them & it's good; "take control of your school"; city of Weston paid for 3 full time SRO's for middle & high schools & has 2 splitting between elementary schools

Science Report by Marilyn Johnson: Pretty much the same...working on science fair projects, specifically oral defense; Science Bowl team continuing meeting & practicing; continuing strategies & hands on etc.; using reading strategies in science

ELL Report by Juan Ospina for Ilza Sterling: Everything is progressing well

SAC bylaws were reviewed & a motion to approve SAC bylaws was made by Amy Siskind and seconded by Lynn Michaelides

SAF Report by Lynn Michaelides: Things covered at recent SAF meeting: county wide Harvest Drive, 2009-2010 school grade program, H1N1 injection program, Youth Crime Watch, cyber bullying speaker, best practices discussion (career program that introduces kids to careers early in high school); Laurie Levinson explained that the 4 Innovative programs will be phased out & put in under enrolled schools in the East; online payment portal, option for FC?; 11/5 SAF mtg. 8:15am in media center

PTA Report by Juan Ospina for Maricel Mayol: Book Fair & Flight of the Falcons are coming up

Jeannie Dempsey moved to adjourn the mtg., Juan Ospina seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.