

# School Advisory Council

## Cypress Lake High School

May 4, 2015

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Attendees: See Attached List

1. Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order.
  - a. Reviewed input from last meeting
  - b. Website revamp update: still working on the webpage, rollout a bit slower than anticipated because the company that the district is working through is taking longer to implement changes
    - i. Using this time effectively- Teacher overseeing the site with Mr. Toadvine continues to tweak it; able to work with other high schools; all teachers, sports, organizations will have a page; all tweeting is automatically going on the web page as well.
2. Reviewed the minutes from the December SAC meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. The DAC reports from the meetings of 3/18/15 and 4/15/15 were presented by Gina Gyure. The reports are attached. DAC meetings are public and can be viewed after the fact at the district website:  
<http://www.leeschools.net/board/committees/dac/welcome.htm>
  - a. The March DAC meeting focused on the need for Capital Funding and the various options available: additional property tax, general obligation bonds, COPS, restoration/increase in Impact Fees, a sales tax. Mr. Teuber gave the board update which included information about reducing testing.
  - b. The April DAC meeting focused on the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF). Lee County received the largest grant with the goal of getting and retaining highly trained, successful teachers and getting them to share their knowledge. An important takeaway is that "The Instructional Coach Camp" is being extended to NON-TIF schools this summer.
  - c. Mr. Hendrick followed up the March DAC update with updated testing information. The district eliminated the 30% tie to final grades, got rid of a lot of the district testing, if there is an EOC then there is No Final. There are also no Senior Exemptions. He also explained that teacher ratings will now be 30% data/70% manager rating vs. the 50/50 previously. A parent asked how the principal comes up with a rating and Mr. Hendrick explained that there are at least 8 classroom visits during the year for assessment.
  - d. Mrs. Gair asked that a question be brought back to the DAC: The new, more lenient attendance policy seems to have had an effect on attendance in the classroom, actually "a huge difference across the board." She would like to see data on the change in attendance since the new policy came into effect.
4. Mr. Hendrick distributed a District Capital Funding Needs handout which is a synopsis of the presentation Dr. Ami Desamours gave to the DAC in March. He reiterated the importance of this funding and encouraged us to let our community know. He reminded us that we are only 1 of 4 or 5 counties without a sales tax going to schools.
5. Cypress Celebrates!: The staff updated the SAC on some of the wonderful things happening throughout our school. Some examples: TAG album "Stay Gold" won many awards as well as the title track was Song of the Year. Mr. Stroh is doing an amazing job with these students. There have been fantastic concerts performed by our choirs, various bands, and dance groups. The Cabaret was very enjoyable and successful. Corey Kerkesner was State Wrestling Champion! There is a grant for iPads®. Math classes are creating programming. The English and Math departments are developing future job seeking skills programming. "There is an APP for that" is a program where students will write apps for content & be listed in Google® apps. We had college signing day for the various athletes. We enjoyed a "Poetry Slam" where over 100 students of all ethnicities, ages participated & everyone had a great time. Intensive Reading students & AP students went to Colonial Elementary School to read to students for Dr. Seuss day. Everyone had a great time – extremely successful. Mr. Pat Farrell was inducted into the Lee County Hall of Athletic Fame and Ms. Keppler was Administrator of the Year for the School Counselors Association. Mrs. Gair is helping us break into the AP Capstone Program and will be teaching the Seminar class which begins next year- required special training. Relay for Life raised over \$2500 (teachers, students, staff participated). There was a Changing of the Guard in JROTC with a new Battalion Leader. The Athletic Booster Club had a very successful Golf Tournament. The numbers are not in yet. Their Shrimp run raised \$7500.

6. Mrs. Gair reviewed various test taking strategies that were presented to the AP Students at a special presentation as part of the AP program. These strategies are good for ALL TEST TAKERS! Most important: Night before- hydrate, high protein dinner, physical activity; Day of- get up 90 minutes before test, protein breakfast (or at least the 1<sup>st</sup> thing one eats), consume your normal caffeine amount (not more or less), go for a short walk. BE CONFIDENT!
7. Lastly, Dr. Hromiak asked us to provide feedback on our view of this past school year and suggestions for next year.
8. This is the final meeting of the SAC for the 2014-2015 school year.

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

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