

School Advisory Council

Cypress Lake High School

March 2, 2015

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Attendees: See Attached List

1. Mr. Irizarry called the meeting to order. Principal Roles told the committee that input from the last meeting was attached to the minutes and that this information was used, along with feedback from all 11 PLCs, to create the We Are Cypress Lake theme for the Panther Showcase Open House in January. Minutes from the previous meeting were then reviewed. The minutes were then approved by the SAC.
2. Principal Roles updated the SAC on various topics:
 - a. 9th & 10th graders are scheduled to take the Writing Assessment, pending changes made by the district due to glitches in the online system the state is using.
 - b. There has been a lot of talk of the Florida Standards and she wanted to assure the parents that although teachers are incorporating all the appropriate standards, the classrooms are focusing on the most essential standards (typically 3) to ensure students' mastery of the topic.
 - c. The DAC reports from the meetings of 1/21/15 and 2/18/15 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>.
 - i. The January meeting featured a presentation entitled "Exceptional Student Education- Overview of Programs, Services, and Initiatives." The three speakers were the Director and Assistant Director of ESE and the Executive Director of Student Related Services. The purpose was to inform those present of the initiatives relating to Inclusion, areas of accommodation for testing the ESE students, and changes to the graduation requirements that may affect these students. Some statistics about the failure rate of ESE, Minority, and Economically Disadvantaged students were also given.
 1. A discussion in our SAC meeting ensued about testing. Members of the SAC expressed concern about anticipated failure rates for Cypress students, and District students as a whole, since 17% of the students are served by the ESE department and that 74% of students in the District and 52% of students at Cypress have free and reduced lunch.
 2. Principal Roles assured the SAC that everyone from the top down is concerned. Since no one is quite sure what tomorrow will bring, Cypress is about "every kid, every day."
 - ii. The February meeting was a Community Wide Presentation on the Florida Standards entitled "Florida Standards 101: What Florida students are expected to learn before graduation", given by Kevin E. Baird.
 - iii. Gina Gyure then updated the SAC on the "Senior Transfer" issue that came up at the September DAC meeting. Apparently, the Senior Transfer will be eliminated except in the case of hardship in the 2016-2017 school year. This was something that our SAC had discussed and we had brought our concerns to the DAC meeting in October.
3. Dr. Hromiak explained the Florida Standards Assessment Portal and the valuable resources for parents that are available on the site. She brought us to the computers for a "Scavenger Hunt" so that we can familiarize ourselves with the system. This was an excellent idea and very valuable!
4. Kelly asked Ms. Roles how the school handles parent requests about "opting out". Mrs. Roles explained that Principals have "talking points" so that the parent understands the consequences, and possible alternate assessments (PERT, ACT, SAT). Basically, they read the Florida Statute relating to this.
5. Lastly, Mr. Hendrick presented the "working copy" of the revamped website for Cypress Lake High. He encouraged us to get on it, use it, and send in feedback. It looks great so far! The site can be accessed by typing <http://cypresslakehigh.sites.thedigitalbell.com/> into the address bar on a browser.
6. The meeting concluded with the SAC watching the "There's No Place I'd Rather Be" video put together by Mr. Gair and featuring our A Cappella Group and the many students of CLHS! It was excellent!
7. The final meeting of the SAC will be May 4th at 6:30 pm in the Media Center.

Adjourned: 7:45 pm