

School Advisory Council

Cypress Lake High School

December 8, 2014

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Attendees: See Attached List

1. Mr. Irizarry called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A link to the School Accountability plan needs to be added and the next meeting date needs to be adjusted from 11/17/14 to 12/8/14. The minutes were then approved by the SAC.
2. Vice Principal Kepler updated the SAC on various topics:
 - a. School is still waiting on School Grades
 - b. The distribution plan for money allocated for staff bonuses last year was created. Cypress staff worked together to ensure that all staff members (teachers, paraprofessionals, guidance, etc.) were included, with the plan reflecting the respect the staff have for each other. If there had been no agreement then only teachers would have had the bonus. The staff voted to ratify the distribution plan.
 - c. Ms. Kepler called a vote from the SAC members to approve this distribution plan. Gina Gyure motioned to approve the plan. Vicki Cammarillo seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. The DAC reports from the meetings of 10/15/14 and 11/12/14 were presented by Gina Gyure. The reports are attached. Mrs. Gyure acknowledges the presentation was a bit long but there were two meetings to review with the SAC and the topics were important to the community.
 - a. The October meeting featured Dr. Graham and was a thorough discussion of the testing situation in Lee County after the vote to eliminate testing, then the vote to reinstate it by the Board of Education. This was an important topic as the election season was upon us. Bottom line: the Superintendents of the State are working to eliminate the School Grading Program, remove all consequences to students, and to scale back the percentage of test scores that go into teacher evaluation.
 - b. The November meeting focused on the role of DAC and its relationship with SACs and the community. DAC members were reminded to encourage SAC members to bring questions to DAC.
 - c. DAC meetings are public and can be viewed after the fact at the district website:
<http://www.leeschools.net/board/committees/dac/welcome.htm>
4. There was a discussion (and explanations) for some academic changes filtering down from the state to the district to the schools. Primarily, there was information given about the changes to the Special Diploma and the integration of as many ESE students into "regular" classrooms. These students will be "mainstreamed" but with intensive support. Use of cell phones was also discussed and the administration's use of Red, Yellow, & Green zones was explained.
5. School Accountability System updates were discussed. Administration offered a "Division of Teaching and Learning 2015 School Grades" handout to SAC members to follow along while changes were explained. Some points of discussion: The College Readiness component has been removed when calculating school grade; Reading and writing have been combined in the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA); Categories will have 100 points each; Schools must test 95% of students (Oct/Feb enrollment data); The "lower quartile effect" is out – in past, if that group did not make certain gains, the school lost a grade; There is also no more protection – a school can now drop more than 1 letter grade. All schools are in a grace period (no consequences) until 2016.
6. Finally, at the conclusion of the meeting, the SAC participated in an activity presented by Dr. Hromiak. SAC members were encouraged to provide words they would use to describe Cypress. The results will be used as input for an "elevator speech" for open house. Cypress is developing "branding" for the school.
7. The next meeting of the SAC will be March 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Media Center, with a final meeting scheduled for May 4th.

Adjourned: 7:42 pm