

CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
SAC Committee Meeting
February 11, 2019

Mrs. Roles called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She expressed how busy we are with testing and preparing for graduation.

Mr. Hendricks asked everyone to review the minutes from the last meeting. Mrs. Collier motions to accept the minutes. Mrs. Conn made a second motion and everyone in attendance voted in favor to accept the minutes.

DAC REPORT:

Vicky Mandietta said the number of students in the LCPS district is increasing at a rapid rate with 1,000 students being added.

The half penny sales tax committee is being formed at this time as revenue is coming in.

The board has decided to extend the time for teachers to pass the General Knowledge test that teachers must pass to continue to work in the county.

Mental health concerns were a big topic at the DAC meeting. Lee county is seriously underfunded for mental illness assistance for at-risk students when they are identified.

It was also noted that new School Security mandates keep coming in that must be addressed.

Success Academy will be presenting an “Ethics in the Workplace” event for students at the High School level. Date yet to be announced.

Differentiation in District School Standards on curriculum continue to change in the areas of pulling out understanding and meaning of written texts.

Mrs. Giddens, Board Member, expressed that communication is a continuing problem in the county. More must be done to boost communication between teachers and parents.

STUDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET AT HOME:

Assistant Principal, Jessica Turner, talked about the problem of many students who do not have internet at home to work on their Chromebook. CLHS has 100’s of devices to allow students to access the internet in their homes. These devices are like cell phones that can form a hotspot for them to hook up their Chromebook to the internet. The suggestion was made by Mrs. Bernadette Collier to put up a table at open house to advertise the availability of these devices for students in need of help with this situation. The students who request this help would be screened in an as yet to be determined manor to verify their eligibility.

DISTRICT ACCREDITATION:

Mrs. Roles spoke of the accreditation interviews held today. The retired principal and Principal preparing to retire will come again tomorrow to complete the process.

ADVISEMENT GROUP:

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Robinson began working on this project last year. Each grade level has a group and each student has a counselor.

A ttendance

B ehavior

C lassroom Success

The ABC's are the basis for this program, see above.

Mrs. Robinson works with Juniors on what they plan to do to get ready for their future. Mrs. Hair and her daughter created the computer program which tracks the students attendance, etc. The program will be monitored and calls will be made to parents, keeping them aware their students have missed multiple days.

Some students have always fallen through the cracks. All students will be monitored so that no student is left behind from here and forward.

There are three categories of students:

High Achievers

Ones who are always in trouble

Those who just roll along unnoticed

There is also an arrangement for students to be mentored by other same-grade students. Subjects to be discussed like, gaping, and dealing with ESE students.

Teachers and Administration will partner for strategic ways to incorporate more culture between older staff and newer staff.

Mrs. Bernadette Collier interjected that she has not seen real advisement going on. Mrs. Roles explained how, this being the first year of the program, it is a work in progress. Adjustments will be made as the program

grows and develops. New discussions will be added about a student's college future and how they can set themselves apart from others on the applications and interviews.

Mr. Don Gross, said his daughter is in tenth grade and has told him she has already had discussions about college in her group.

Mrs. Roles said that the Advisement Group program is a Social and Emotional arrangement rather than a counseling or scheduling process. The counselors for Academics are the only ones to work with college plans, class schedules, and class changes.

Mr. McCarley said he likes the program. He said it's kind of like the old Homeroom style where teachers have everyone in their group together in the same place and at the same time. Any problem a student has can be presented and discussed and worked out in the best way possible.

Mrs. Robinson said that it has not been decided yet if the same advisement counselor will move along with the same students each year until they graduate. This will be discussed and a decision will be made over the summer of 2019. She said that Mariner HS has been using the Homeroom model for four years. She worked at that school when the program was started and found that the groups were too large and made it more difficult to work with students on an individual level when needed.

CLHS has put a cap of 15 students for each Advisement Teacher. Each month all teachers receive the same material to cover so that the whole school is discussing the same subject.

ACADEMIC PLANNING:

Mrs. Conn told the committee that a checklist for Seniors is available on the CLHS website. This same checklist is given to Juniors each year. The group was in agreement that this list should be given to freshmen so they know what they have to do more in advance of graduation. And they will have more time to plan ahead.

Core Courses, test data, etc. will be available:

March 4th - 10th graders

March 11th - 11th graders

A video will be sent for parents and students to view and make class decisions. 1700 students will have their schedules posted for next year by July 23, 2019. After this posting, students can send Castle requests for class changes. This process will continue up to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. The permanent class schedules will be given out at Open House.

Governor Desantis has announced that he wants to eliminate Core Standards. However everything will be in limbo until new standards are decided.

For now, we will stay consistent with what we are teaching and using as curriculum and graduation requirements.

Mrs. Roles said she hopes that there will be multiple ways made available for students to display mastery to graduate.

ACCOLADES:

Orchestra:

Troupe 5341 scored all Superior ratings and are moving on to the State Thespian Festival.

Orchestra scored Excellent and Superior ratings. Student, Raphael Ruiz, performed with the All-State Honors Orchestra in January at the Florida Music Education Association Conference in Tampa.

Of the 30 All County Honors given out, 11 were received by Cypress Lake High musicians.

Dance:

On Thursday, February 24th, CLHS sponsored the 12th Annual All County Dance event. In attendance were, 1700 dance students from 4 Elementary schools, 8 Middle schools, and 5 High schools. Their day was a full day of Master classes, tech rehearsals, and a concert in the evening.

Cypress Lake Dancers made History for CLHS in Tampa on February 2, 2019. At the Florida Dance Performance Assessment and Honors Concert in Tampa they scored Straight Superiors across the board, first time ever for our school.

Visual Arts:

At the Chalk Art event, the following groups of students participated:

The 12th grade team received the "Sunny Award" (You Han Burgess, Calina Carstens, and Vivien Cimafranca)

The 11th grade team (Bella DeMay, Grant DeArmond, and Esmeralda Flores)

The 10th grade team received 2nd Place (Avery Rose Kern, Allison Weller, and Julia Dry)

The 9th grade team was given Honorable Mention (Sophia Morris, Kaitlyn Logue, and Melaine Logue)

For Art under 20 canvas:

Hannah Lynch - 1st Place "Drawing"

Anna Serra - 2nd Place "Digital Art"

Brianna Johnson - 3rd Place "Digital Art"
Aleena Pagan - Ferris Family Award "Recycled Art"
Anthony Mann - 2nd Place "Ceramic"
Merari Salinas - Honorable Mention "Painting"
Julia Dry - 1st Place "Mixed Media"
Belinda Velasquez - 3rd Place "Drawing"

Vocal:

TAG's latest album came out on RARB "Recorded A Capella Review Board's" list with an almost perfect score of 4.7 out of 5.0. Two of the reviewers gave ten a 4 out of 5 score.

Weightlifting:

Shout out goes to the LCAC placers: Darius (2nd Place @126 lbs.), Willems (4th Place @138 lbs.), and Aryeh (3rd Place @ 170 lbs.)

Maria Baez also qualified to compete in the FHSSA Girl's Weightlifting State Finals. This is the first year for Girl's Weightlifting at Stewart

Other Accolades:

Janmikell Bastardo: Division 1 Alabama A&M Baseball

Cassidy Kerkesner was named News-Press Athlete of the Week

Lauren Turned received the Rotary Spirit Award

Coach Cannon was named News-Press Boys Golf Coach of the Year

Teacher, Beitany Camp became a finalist for Golden Apple Teacher

Forty-nine Seniors were nominated for the title of "Cypress Elite". The 12 listed below were selected as finalists and recognized at a luncheon in the library:

Ryan Anderson
Janmikell Bastardo
Jin Yu Han Burgess
A'Layahna Checo
Heidi Erfourth
Jimmy Fixel
Toby Hilliard
Abigail Lembo
Victoria O'Donnell
Esabella Ramos
Jalen Stewart
John Stewart

Exit tickets were then distributed to all attendees to fill out for talking points at the next meeting.

Mrs. Roles closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.