

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2008-2009  
JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> 2009  
TEAM ROOM – FRONT OFFICE  
SAC Minutes**

**I. Meeting call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. Holness**

**II. Roll Call**

Attendance in file

**III. Approval of January Agenda**

SAC January agenda was distributed to all members of SAC. Agenda reviewed. Motion made by Mrs. Hall, Ms. Villanueva seconded. Vote ensued. Motion carried.

**IV. Review and approval of December 9<sup>th</sup> SAC minutes**

SAC minutes for the December SAC meeting were distributed to all members of SAC. Minutes reviewed. Ms. Bernard-Mark requested that the following correction be made: "12 of" prior to sentence No. 2. Motion made by Ms. Brunt, seconded by Ms. Sugg. Vote ensued. Motion carried.

**V. SAC Chair Update**

SAC Remaining Meeting Dates for 2008-2009:

Feb. 11, March 10, April 21, May 12

On February 11 there will be a guest speaker Ms. Beverly Gallagher, District 2 School Board Member. Dr. Holness thanked everyone for their attendance to all the meetings. Dr. Holness thanked Ms. Haniff the new SAC member.

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Dr. Holness stated that SAC's information to be included in the school web page is being worked on. Currently the membership of SAC is being added. This is in an effort to provide more information to the community about SAC at WC Young.

Dr. Holness stated that currently there is \$16,126.68 in the accountability account and \$37,438.00 in the A+ funds account. This does not include the \$15,000.00 that was allocated to the Saturday Knight's Camp.

**VI. Mr. Greenberg's update on Young Knight's Saturday Camp**

Mr. Greenberg thanked everyone in attendance for their cooperation in getting students to attend the Young Knight's Saturday Camp. On the first Saturday, 212 students were in attendance. Mr. Greenberg asked if there would be a problem with additional students attending as additional funds would be needed on top of the current request. Dr. Holness stated that the original request was up to \$15,000 and that it is currently not a problem. Mr. Greenberg also stated that the Urban Teachers' Program from Flanagan is participating in the Knight's Camp by having students that are looking towards a teaching career, to come and help tutor the students who are attending this camp. Mr. Greenberg provided a budget for the

current camp's expenditures. Budget is as follows:

11 teachers x \$96.28 (2.5 hrs) x 7 weeks:	\$ 7,436.66
Pre –planning: 13 teachers x 2 hrs x \$39.00:	1,014.00
Administration with pre-planning:	1,013.25
Security:	<u>421.26</u>
Total	\$ 9,875.00

Mr. Greenberg stated that if additional students are enrolled, there may be additional funds needed. He also informed SAC that the Camp is addressing the deficiencies of these students based on the current Benchmark data for the school.

Mr. Greenberg also discussed the boundary meeting that took place at Palm Cove Elementary which would involve about 77 students being re-assigned to another school next year, and an approximate 156 more students would be re-assigned in September of 2010. Also Wednesday conferences have been suspended in an effort to allow teachers to work in the mornings with those students who need extra attention in preparation for the FCAT. A congratulations is to be given to Hector Robles, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who played with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Band for the State of Florida in Tampa, last Thursday through Saturday. Mrs. Annis also attended this event. Finally congratulation to Mrs. Sande Hartman who has been selected to participate in the Educator Study Trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.

On the day of the presidential inauguration, students at WC Young will show their inauguration spirit by wearing red, white and blue and also watching the inauguration.

## **VII. Reports from Academic Departments**

**Language Arts:** Ms. Brunt reported that 6<sup>th</sup> grade is working on poetry genre as well holding a mock FCAT writes in February to coincide with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Florida Writes test. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are continuing with instruction of the Six Traits Writing Method. FCAT Writes is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Also the whole department is working on the adoption of the new school textbook, however, there has been a hold on this process due to the current State budget crisis.

**Mathematics:** Gary DeRosa reported that the department has examined the BAT Math School Summary by Benchmark. They are looking at the percent of students meeting the criteria in each category and are focusing on the lowest scoring areas within each strand by grade level. The plan is to develop FCAT practice designed to target the weak areas identified by the BAT results. This design will be accomplished during the Thursday Department trainings “Higher Order Thinking” and implemented in the classroom. In Addition, the teachers are using the FCAT Saturday Camp, Homework Café, Peer Tutoring, Compass-Learning Odyssey, CCC lab, FCAT Explorer, and FCAT Warm-ups.

**Science:** The Science Department is also working on the Higher Order Thinking questions. Mrs. Bernard- Mark stated that many teachers are working on developing questions that will be used with our students. The department is also busy working on the Science Fair. The County Fair is February 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. From there, students will be chosen to represent our school at the State Fair.

**Reading:** Ms. Villanueva stated that teachers are working on specific FCAT strategies to include direction, timed reading, vocabulary, and writing FCAT style questions to be used in

daily lessons. Reading teachers are working in conjunction with content area teachers on their teams. Also, the mid-year timed reading assessments will be completed by the end of January and scores entered in Virtual Counselor.

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business/upcoming events/plan**

Discussion/volunteers for Funding Committee

Dr. Holness stated that he had requested volunteers to be a member of the Funding Committee and to date; no additional people have offered to assist on this committee. He re-iterated the varied responsibilities of this Committee. Mrs. Bernard-Mark and Mr. McNally volunteered to serve on this committee.

#### **IX. New Business/open agenda/questions/concerns/comments**

Budget Request \$10 (SAC Website) – Dr. Holness requested that Mr. Zelinski had incurred a \$10.00 cost used to purchase an item that is assisting in putting the SAC information on the school's web-site. It will be decided at a later date whether or not to have the money come from accountability of A+ funds. Ms. Hebron made a motion to accept this request. It was seconded by Ms. Brian. Discussion ensued. Vote taken. Motion carried.

#### **X. Closing Remarks**

Mrs. Bernard-Mark stated that WC Young's energy report reflected that our school had not improved. There is an incentive if consumption is reduced. Mr. Shelley stated that there are no on-off switches in the air conditioning in many rooms and this does not help in bringing the costs down.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**SAF BUSINESS:** SAF report immediately following SAC meeting  
SAF Chairperson: Mr. Freddy Merico