

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2008-2009
NOVEMBER 18th 2008**

SAC MINUTES

I. Meeting call to order

Meeting called to order by Dr. Holness at 4:00 P.M. Mission Statement of Walter C. Young was read by all members of SAC in attendance.

II. Roll Call

Roll taken and kept on file.

III. Approval of November Agenda

November agenda distributed to all members in attendance. Motion made to accept November agenda by Ms. Ludovici, seconded by Ms. Brunt. Vote ensued, motion carried.

IV. Review and approval of October 21st SAC minutes

October SAC minutes distributed to all SAC members in attendance. Minutes reviewed. Dr. Holness requested Agenda be changed from the top of the line. Ms. Bryan requested that on item III, it should read: "...programs like FCAT Camp and any other needs of the school." Also, it should state "...as to how to spend..." Motion made by Ms. Ludovici, Ms. Bryan seconded. Vote ensued, motion carried.

V. SAC Chair Update/comments

Dr. Holness reviewed the remaining dates for the SAC meetings and also the quorum of the SAC members in attendance.

SAC Remaining Meeting Dates for 2008-2009:
Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 21, May 12

Dr. Holness thanked all the members of SAC for their efforts in developing the proposals for the A+ Funds. He also reported the balance in the accounts: in the A+ funds, there is a balance of \$36,428.00 and in the accountability account there is \$15,405.53.

VI. Budget Request

1) Mr. Greenberg – Saturday Classes for students at risk of failing – Academic Resources for AYP Students.

Mr. Greenberg reported that administration had reviewed school data as well as spoken with varied faculty at WCY and discussed how in previous years it had been discussed to have a Saturday Academy/Camp at which level 1 and level 2 students would attend. It was explained to SAC members that the Saturday Academy/Camp would be comprised of one hour of classroom instruction and 1 hour of Compass Learning Odyssey, which is a program that allows a student to remediate varied subject areas. Also, this program would be open to students that need recovery in classes from previous quarters. Mr. Greenberg is also looking to request students from Flanagan to attend and work with the kids. Mr. Greenberg stated that he is unable to come up with a final total program cost but it could run from \$10 – 15K, depending on the number of students that enroll and are willing to come to this program. Mrs. Bernard-Mark asked what the curriculum would be. Mr. Greenberg stated that we are looking to work with Reading and Math. She also asked if teachers were certified in the specific area. It was stated that the majority of teachers were. Mrs. Bryan asked how parents would be contacted. Mr. Greenberg stated that parents would be contacted via a letter. Mr. DeRosa asked why some teachers are allowed to work over 40 hours. We are not having teachers work more than 40 hours. Mr. Greenberg stated that he would find out the information and would provide the data to the members of SAC. Ms. Parker asked if the students were going to deliver the initial

invitation letter. Mr. Greenberg stated that there would be varied methods of communication to ensure that we reach out to as many students as possible.

Ms. Ludovici asked how long the students would be coming to the program. Mr. Greenberg stated it would start in December for a total of 9 weeks. Discussion ensued as to if this is the only means of helping these students. Mrs. Bernard-Mark stated that in previous years, on Wednesday mornings, the Science Department had provided help for many students. Dr. Holness asked what would happen if in the future the funds are not used as the program is not effective or there is an excess of funds. Mr. Greenberg stated funds would be returned back to the account. Mrs. Bernard-Mark asked if there is going to be a person responsible for running this program. Mr. Greenberg stated that he is taking on the responsibility of this Camp/Program. Ms. Vega stated that she would like to see a program report that allows SAC to see how much is being spent on an on-going basis. Ms. Bryan motioned to accept the proposal to provide up to \$15,000 to assist funding the Saturday Camp. Ms. Brunt seconded. Vote ensued, motion carried.

VII. Report from Academic Departments

Language Arts: Ms. Brunt reported that all 8th grade classes are continuing with instruction of the 6 Traits of Writing, a SIP goal. In addition, the Language Arts department is also focusing on new textbook adoption for next year. This adoption will affect the core curriculum of the department and will help to determine next year's action steps for SIP. 7th grade is focusing on expository writing and descriptive writing along with character sketch. 6th Grade is working on expository writing and also on the 6 Traits of Writings. Also there will be a Poetry Palazzo night at which time students will read their poetry. There will be door prizes, refreshment for those in attendance.

Mathematics: Mr. DeRosa stated that the initial Benchmarks are given and the results will assist the faculty in preparing the students for the upcoming FCAT Camp. Homework Café is currently up and working. There are many students attending. School wide development is taking place to include Differentiated Instruction.

Science: Ms. Bernard-Mark reported that the initial Benchmark was given to all students. The second mini-benchmark is scheduled for December 4. Various teachers shared their best practices at the October 25th department meeting. There will be a department training on environmental studies in January and also HIV training in the near future.

Reading: Teachers are currently working on cluster 3, which is comparison and contrast and cause and effect. Also, the 6th grade intervention plan has been implemented. Teachers in the sixth grade are working on two column notes. The results of the BAT will determine the course of the instructional focus calendar.

VIII. New Business/open agenda/questions/concerns/comments

Dr. Holness stated that any new items would be covered at the next SAC meeting.

XI. Closing Remarks

Dr. Holness thanked all members of SAC for being in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

SAF Report

SAF BUSINESS: SAF report immediately following SAC meeting

SAF Chairperson: Mr. Freddy Merico

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