

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2008-2009
DECEMBER 9th 2008
TEAM ROOM – FRONT OFFICE
Minutes**

I. Meeting call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Holness.

II. Roll Call

Quorum established. Attendance kept on file.

III. Approval of December Agenda

December agenda was distributed to all members. It was reviewed by all members of SAC. Motion made to accept the December agenda by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Ludovici. Vote ensued, motion carried.

IV. Review and approval of November 18th SAC minutes

The November SAC minutes were distributed to all SAC members in attendance. Ms. Sugg made a motion to accept the minutes, Mrs. Ludovici seconded. Vote ensued, motion carried.

V. SAC Chair Update (composition etc)/comments

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

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

Mr. Greenberg provided a synopsis of the Saturday Camp. Currently targeted students are all level 1 and 2 students in Reading and Math along with course remediation students. Saturday Camp is to start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:35 a.m. Camp is scheduled to begin January 10, 2009 and run through March 7, 2009.

VII. Reports from Academic Departments

Language Arts: Ms. Holness reported that 8th Grade Language Arts teachers are continuing to teach the 6 Traits Writing Method in order to get students ready for the Florida Writes test. Focus is now on Word Choice. Also the department is working on the new textbook adoption for next year. This adoption will affect the core curriculum of the department and will help determine next year's action steps for the school's SIP. 7th Grade Language Arts is focusing on expository and descriptive writing. 6th Grade is working on incorporating the 6 Traits of Writing within student's writing. Students are also working on writing poetry. There will be a Poetry Night on Dec. 9, 2008 where students will read their own poetry or their favorite poem. The entire Language Arts department is preparing all students for the December Spelling Bee.

Mathematics: Report not provided.

Science: Science teachers are working with the students to complete their projects for the Science Fair. Each Science teacher will be selecting his/her top 10 projects. These projects will then be presented at the County Science Fair. The 2nd Benchmark test is to take place this week.

Reading: Mrs. Andriella reported that the Reading Dept. had met to review the November Benchmark scores. The Reading Department will continue to focus on those areas where there is a need for scores to be raised and will continue to review all the benchmarks that have been taught to date.

V. Unfinished Business/upcoming events/plan

Discussion and voting on Formation of Funding Committee: Dr. Holness explained that the development of a Funding Committee would allow for better understanding of how funds are being used. Mrs. Hall asked if this was allowed. Dr. Holness explained that it would be OK to form such a committee but that the issue would have to be voted upon by SAC members at a regularly scheduled meeting. This Committee would review, receive, screen and qualify funding requests to ensure complete adherence to required SAC guidelines and then present screened and qualified requests to SAC members at a regularly scheduled SAC meeting for further discussion and voting. SAC makes final determination of granting funding requests through majority vote. It was asked if the Funding Committee would then accept funding requests. Dr. Holness stated that the Committee would review each individual request to be presented to the SAC Committee. Mrs. Parker asked how many people would be needed. Dr. Holness stated that 3 would be an appropriate number of members. Mrs. Bryan stated that she was somewhat confused as to the committee's job and how it would determine the legitimacy of each request. Dr. Holness stated that all the committee would do is to filter the requests and make sure that funds are being requested from the proper funding source and requests are meeting all guidelines. Mrs. Parker asked why there is no on-going budget request at each SAC meeting. It was stated that funds to date have not changed from the previous SAC October meeting. Currently there is \$16,405.53 in the accountability account and in the A+ account there is \$57,823. Some funds have been allocated and the correct balance in the A+funds, after the funds are distributed will be \$36,428.00.

Mrs. Bernard-Mark asked if W.C. Young Administration could provide a monthly report of what is happening as a Principal Report. Dr. Holness stated he would discuss this with Administration. Dr. Holness stated that the funding committee should be representative of an Administrator, a parent, and a teacher. Ms. Vega stated that she felt everyone should be represented to include administration. Ms. Sugg motioned to form a Funding Committee, seconded by Mrs. Parker. Debate took place and, vote ensued. Motion carried. Dr. Holness stated that he would volunteer if need be or if we do not have enough members, to be on the committee to oversee and review the SAC funding requests and the committee would then be presented to SAC at the January 2009 meeting.

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

SAC Membership/attendance issues

Dr. Holness asked members to please e-mail him if members were going to be absent as 2 consecutive unexcused absences are not permitted. Mrs. Jennifer Miller has resigned from SAC due to personal reasons. A replacement will be on a January ballot, probably at the PTSA meeting. Also stated is that SAC information should go on the W.C.Young website. Mrs.

Bernard-Mark asked the SAC chair to also have information on the website so as to also allow parents to submit questions and/or concerns to SAC.

VII. Remarks from guests concerning SAC issues.

Mrs. Hall introduced the 6th grade Administrator, Mrs. Marcela Mansur, as the acting 6th Gr. Administrator. She is replacing Mrs. Allen who has moved to another school. Mrs. Hall stated that due to a hiring freeze, she has not been able to hire a 6th grade administrator, and hopefully Mrs. Mansur will stay as the 6th Gr. Administrator next year. Mrs. Hall congratulated Mrs. Bernard-Mark as a newly National Board Certified teacher. She also stated that Mrs. Evelyn Singer will be recognized as a volunteer for working as a volunteer at W.C. Young for the last 16 years.

VIII. Closing Remarks

Dr. Holness stated that during the upcoming academic year, SAC will need to be comprised of 51% parents. He stated that he would like to know the current commitment of the SAC membership, so as to know if they will be returning next year. Dr. Holness also wanted to know if any members had closing remarks. Mrs. Hall thanked all the members of SAC for all the work they do for the school and our students and hopes that 2009 is a great year. Ms. Bryan stated that many 6th grade students and parents are very grateful for the hard work of the teachers, staff, and administration. Mrs. Hall stated that it was important for parents to stay committed so as to ensure that the incoming 6th grade class has an easy transition from elementary school. Ms. Vega reiterated the happiness she feels about her son's achievements and how great W.C. Young has been for his educational success. Mrs. Bernard-Mark thanked Dr. Holness for all the hard work he does. Also thanked was Mr. McNally for stepping in and working with the parents and SAC members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

SAF BUSINESS: SAF report immediately following SAC meeting

SAF Chairperson: Mr. Freddy Merico

Report not made