

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2008-2009
4:00 PM
March 17th 2009
TEAM ROOM – FRONT OFFICE
MINUTES**

I. Meeting call to order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Holness at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Attendance in file.

III. Approval of March Agenda

March agenda was provided to all SAC members in attendance. Motion made by Ms. Parker to accept, Ms. Ludovici seconded. Vote ensued, motion carried.

IV. Review and approval of Feb. 11th SAC minutes

February agenda was distributed to all SAC members in attendance for their review. Mrs. Brunt motioned to accept minutes, Ms. Holness seconded. Vote ensued, motion carried.

IV. SAC Chair Update (news, composition etc.)/comments

Dr. Holness told all members in attendance that the SAC portion of W. C. Young's school website has been updated.

- a) **Election of Nominating Committee:** Members are Dr. Holness, Mrs. Andriella and Ms. Remesar. Motion made, vote ensued, motion carried to have the previously noted members as members of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Holness also explained that the duties of each of the officers are also noted on W. C. Young's SAC website.
- b) **SAC Member replacement:** Dr. Holness presented Mrs. Eboni Grant-Burts who is the new member of SAC for the remainder of the 2008-09 academic school year.
- c) **Recruitment Survey:** Dr. Holness distributed a list of all the current members and asked them to denote their willingness to be members of SAC for the 2009-10 academic school year.
- d) **Account balances:** Accountability funds are \$14,764.99 and the A+ Fund is \$30,784.74 for a total balance of \$45,549.73.
- e) Dr. Holness specified to the members of SAC that the expenditures for the Saturday FCAT camp totaled \$8,014.95.

Dr. Holness also reminded members of the SAC Remaining Meeting Dates for 2008-2009:

April 21st and May 14th. This change is due to a pending visit of Mr. Notter, Broward County Superintendent.

V. Budget Request – Social Studies Department: Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. Mitchell presented a request for sets of classroom dictionaries for Social teachers to assist in the completion of research projects pertaining to Knight's Happening and other research activities being done in class for the remainder of the school year. The dictionaries are to be used for not only the Knight's Happening, but for many other projects that are done in the Social Studies department. Dictionaries will cost \$11.00 each. Total request is for 5 dictionaries per teacher, for a total cost of \$880. It was recommended that maybe the number be increased to 10 per teacher for a total of \$1,760.00. Mrs. Bernard-Mark stated that maybe a better number would be 12 per teacher. The cost would then be \$2,112.00. Discussion ensued. Funds could be allocated from A+ Funds. Motion made by Ms. Ludovici, seconded by Ms. Vega. Vote ensued, motion carried.

VI. Mr. Greenberg's update on:

a) **Crusaders initiative:** This was a project that involved students from the Crusaders Team. Current report shows that there was an overall gain in the students' progress, where 80% of the students on this team showed learning gains. As a reward, students will be going on a field trip to the Pines Ice Skating Arena.

b) **Young Knight's Saturday Camp:** The camp was a complete success. The approximate attendance was about 200 students per Saturday. Current data is not known as to the success of the camp as test results will not be in prior to the school ending. Mr. Greenberg also thanked PTSA for providing coupons for free ice cream for the students in attendance and a certificate of completion for those who completed the program.

Dr. Holness expressed SAC's gratitude for Mr. Greenberg's hard work during the Young Knight's Saturday Camp. Members of SAC provided Mr. Greenberg with a Certificate of Appreciation. Saturday FCAT Camp media presentation was shown to all members in attendance. .

VII. SAC Chair Comments

VIII. Mr. Greenberg Presents Proposal for Eight Grade students

Mr. Greenberg is requesting funds from SAC for approximately \$7,000 for an 8-week recovery/remediation camp to start the last 9 weeks of school, from 8:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Saturday mornings. This is the first year that the 8th grade students will have to achieve a total of 4 points in each of Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, and Math for promotion to high school. Currently, we have about 92 students that may not be eligible for promotion to high school. On Saturday, these students will be doing course recovery on a computer based program. Each student will take a placement test in each of the failing areas. Based on this, they will be programmed to remediate/recoup grades. W.C. Young has licenses for 50 students, but due to the fact that we will be running the program on Saturdays, the County has approved to allow us to program up to 120 students to work on the Compass Learning Odyssey program. The actual program will start the last 9 weeks of school and will carry through the end of the year. Eighth Grade is the school's current priority. Discussion ensued. Mr. DeRosa stated that his concern is that the Benchmarks covered in the program are not those that may have been tested. He also stated that many of these kids may only be eligible to take a Pre-Algebra class that is an elective. Mr. Greenberg stated that it will be a good idea to provide the high schools with a list of the students that are taking this remediation course to assist them in the Math placement. Mr. DeRosa stated that he is unaware if the program is approved by the School Board of Broward County for recovery and/or remediation. Mr. Greenberg stated that the program is approved and that many schools in Broward County are currently using it. Mrs. Bernard-Mark stated that the department chairs should have responsibility of choosing those paths that will assist students being successful. Mr. Greenberg stated that the program is aligned with the Sunshine State

Standards. He also stated that teachers will continue to teach the students and the program will provide an additional opportunity necessary to assist students in obtaining the necessary skills needed to pass.

Ms. Vega asked if students would be able to recoup all failures in a short period of time. Ms. Bryan asked if the 8-week program would truly help them if they were not in attendance in school over the summer. Mrs. Andriella explained the positive aspects of using the program and how in a short period of time a student can recoup more than one subject area at a time. This program will assist many students that are on the border line of failure. Mrs. Hall explained that this program is another way of providing assistance to those students that may need the help. The key, she stated, is to provide an additional opportunity for the students to succeed.

Mrs. Mansur explained that the program is based on the State of Florida Sunshine State Standards. The Saturday camp would provide assistance as well as peer tutors that would work with the students. Ms. Sugg asked if this would be the program that would be accepted should a vote occur today. Mr. Greenberg stated that another option would be to wait till the end of the year, and then only those students that actually fail would be then working on this program. Mr. Greenberg stated that there will also be students from Flanagan to assist the targeted students. Ms. Yamanie Haniff asked if there was a test to be given at the end of the program, and it was stated that there was a final test as well as continued quizzes and unit tests that are given throughout the program. Mrs. Bryan motioned, Ms. Vega seconded. Discussion ensued, vote taken, motion carried.

IX. SAF Report/ Joint Meeting

SAF Chairperson: Mr. Freddy Merico. Mr. Merico provided information regarding his prior meeting as well as further information that might help WCY students.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.