

**WALTER C. YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2008-2009
4:00 PM
THURSDAY MAY 14th 2009
DINNER THEATRE**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Meeting call to order

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

II. Roll Call

Attendance on file.

III. Approval of MAY Agenda

May agenda distributed to members of SAC for their review. Motion made to accept agenda by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Brunt. Vote ensued. Motion carried.

IV. Review and approval of APRIL 21st SAC minutes

April SAC minutes distributed and read by all members of SAC. Motion made to accept the SAC minutes by Mrs. Brunt, seconded by Ms. Holness. Vote ensued. Motion carried

V. SAC Chair: Updates/Recap (news, composition, accomplishments etc)/comments

SAC Remaining Meeting Dates for 2008-2009: May 14

Dr. Holness stated that there is \$4,462. left in the accountability account and \$27,045.69 in A+ funds. Department Chairs are working. on the SIP Plan.

Dress Code. Proposal No. 1 was approved with a 91% vote by students. Dr. Holness also asked Department Chairs to provide Mr. McNally with a copy of the reports for their individual departments. Dr. Holness also thanked Mr. Notter for being in attendance at this SAC meeting.

SAC OFFICER'S ELECTION

Below are the current nominees for 2009-2010 academic SAC officers.

SAC Secretary: Ede Andriella
SAC Chair: Dr. Jephtha Holness
SAC Vice Chair: Heather Bryant, and Eboni Brunt

Ballots were distributed. Vote ensued. After ballot count for SAC Vice Chair, Heather Bryan was elected the 2009-2010 SAC Vice Chair.

Dr. Holness provided a visual presentation for Mr. Notter and all the members of SAC. Presented were highlights of achievements by W. C. Young to include Saturday Camp, FCAT Camp, funding of various programs, disbursement of funds for the various programs or materials needed, and WCY school website information with SAC. Also varied information and data from the Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, and History departments were presented. Also thanked were the numbers of guests that have attended the meetings. Dr. Holness took the time to thank all the members and officers of SAC.

VI. Written Reports Submitted by Academic Departments

Language Arts: To be provided at a later date.

Mathematics: The district has created a new flowchart for the 2009-2010 academic advancement. The department is getting ready for the County Finals for the GEM classes. They should take place May 26th to June 4th. Core Curriculum has proposed updating all mathematics classrooms (secondary) to include Promethean boards, LCD projectors, Promethean eggs, slate and appropriate software and TI calculators. The Department of Education memo about the changes to FCAT has been discussed. A major item of discussion is the NO short or extended responses.

Science: To be provided at a later date.

Reading: Teachers have completed end of year testing. Students have been placed in reading classes based on this data and last year's FCAT scores. Adjustments will be made when the new scores arrive. Teachers are now focusing on novel studies.

VII. Saturday Camp Report

Mr. Greenberg reported that week 4 had been completed and approximately 90 students are attending. He also reported that 4 students have graduated from the program.

VIII. SAC Student Member Amanda Price and WCY's Students Rianna Hannif and Samantha Lee Introduce Guest Speaker

Students introduced the Broward County Superintendent of school

IX. Guest Speaker: Superintendent James Notter

Mr. Notter thanked all the students for their introduction. Mr. Notter stated that due to time constraints, if questions can't be answered while he is here, he will provide an answer in writing. The Federal Government has actually assisted the educational system with new funds. Mr. Notter explained the funds as 2 various buckets that receive monies. As funds are being received, bucket 1, the state stabilization funds, are determined how the State Budget receives and uses them. The stimulus, Title II, Head Start, have the same regulations that Title I have. They come in directly to the school system. As a state, we were in the hole \$6 billion into the legislation. Public education is about 40% of the state budget. Broward is about 9% or 10% 9% due to declining enrollment in student population. The state stabilization \$902 million went directly to patch up a hole in the budget. It is not above what the state allocated to the education budget. Three states required a waiver: California, Nevada and Florida. This means that the state of Florida. did not meet the Maintenance of Effort for the 2006 school year funding. Florida. underfunded education. Florida. used stabilization funds to fill in the gap where there were deficits.

There are funds in the Broward County School Budget that will be used as part of the state stabilization funds. In many counties, fewer jobs will be cut. The stimulus monies, Title I fund were received. From a stimulus point, that is the pool of funds that are being used to save jobs. Funds will be used to increase Title I schools. Forty percent will be used to define Title I schools, not 53%. This will increase the number of schools to around 50 new schools. Sixteen these will be high schools to do the work that has to be done. Funds can't be used on reoccurring costs. Over a 2 year period, teachers in this county will receive assistance to improve many different programs that will assist teachers to improve teaching in the classroom. This is to include high quality

training with follow up, modeling, job embedded, to transfer those skills to the classroom immediately to the students at the schools.

Each state will be accountable for stimulus funds in every county. The Federal Government will give funds to the states, for 2 years, and while it is not enough, learning gains, achievements by students, will be tracked, and this will either stop the title programs or re-vamp the programs.

Teachers are being surplussed as the student population has diminished in Broward County schools. It is just difficult that this is happening during an economic crisis. Approximately 900 new teachers were hired last year and about 600 will be hired this year. About 200 are coming off leave which are guaranteed a position in the school system. Article 25 and 26 addresses surplus and RIF, (reduction in force). Always Broward County has been able to absorb the teachers coming in from leave. By July 15, 2009, Board Count will be in RIF, where there will be no positions and people coming off leave. County bumping will then take place among positions based on tenure, certification, etc.

IX. Question and Answer Session with Supt. Notter

Q. Mrs. Forte: stated that she has some information to give Mrs. Wanza. Question was the closing of the local library which is part of W. C. Young.

R. Mrs. Wanza stated that there will be a meeting with Mr. Notter, Mrs. Hall, and the staff from the library, If the library is returned, it would not close, it would just become a public library.

Q. Mrs. Steadman: She asked if Broward was getting additional funds?

R. Yes, Florida will receive additional funds. This is to include colleges and universities. K-12 used previous monies to plug a hole in the educational system in Florida.

Q. Mrs. Slack: Do you believe art is important in a child's education?

R. Yes, but where \$130 million has been cut, of \$160 million currently, these cuts in support of the program have sometimes no choice but to keep the core classes and look into cutting the elective classes, which are the non core classes like art.

Q. Mrs. Sugg asked, what as parents, can we do?

R. Mr. Notter stated the varied losses that the county has had with the loss of taxes, property taxes, it is no longer working. A new model needs to be developed to fund the Broward County School system. The reality is that as people in Florida, we need to look at other states that are not in as deep in recession as Florida and came out of the recession quicker; who led their finance, tax system and develop a model that will work for the State of Florida. Tallahassee needs help. Other states are doing something right and Florida needs to look to them for models that will help our educational system. Florida is 50 out of 50th in funding for education.

Mr. Notter thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. He stated that it is not going to be an easy job when people have to be laid off. Everything must be done together and all employees need to work as a team. He also stated that some decisions will have to be made that will not be liked by employees and he welcomes feedback from everyone.

X. Unfinished Business/upcoming events/plan

Dr. Holness provided certificates of appreciation to all the members of SAC from W. C. Young for their hard work and dedication to the school.

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

Mrs. Hall thanked everyone for their attendance. She specifically thanked Mr. Notter for attending the SAC meeting and Dr. Holness for taking the initiative for inviting Mr. Notter. Mrs. Hall specifically thanked Dr. Holness for all his hard work and dedication.

Dr. Holness thanked everyone as he believes everyone did a great job this year in SAC.

XIII. Closing Remarks by ALL MEMBERS OF SAC

SAF BUSINESS: SAF report immediately following SAC meeting
Mr. Merico did not provide a SAF report

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.