

**School Advisory Council
DeLaura Middle School
Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023**

SAC Members in attendance: Bernard Bryan, Brittany Cante, Susan Clark, Greg Crivello, Melissa Crofton, Gavin Fahnestock, Chris Rower, Tina Susin, Gretta Valiente, Jenny Woods

Absent: Michael Capozzi, Alexandria Wicker

Visitor: N/A

Call to order: 8:32 am members signed in & meeting called to order.

October meeting minutes accepted Motion to approve: M. Crofton; second G. Crivello

Budget Report: \$4633.68 Budget accepted motion to approve G. Fahnestock; second G. Crivello

PTO Update: No member of PTO was present.

Parent Leadership Team Report from Greg Crivello: PLT spoke about the importance of the CTE programs at BPS schools and possibly providing transportation for these students to attend. BPS also spoke about the process that they are going through to all of BPS school logs trademarked.

Beth Harris: She was not able to attend this meeting and will speak about books in the December meeting.

School Improvement Plan: Ms. Susin shared the 3 main goals of the SIP this year: Student Engagement, Positive Culture and Environment, and Instructional Practice focused on ELA.

New Business: G. Crivello talked about what plans we can come up with as a school to lessen the weight of backpacks for the kids. Lockers are not an option to do safety and weather. This will continue to be discussed in the December meeting and throughout the year. G. Fahnestock asked to speak about the importance of more crossing guard presence near DeLaura. He reached out to the SBPD and expressed concerns. He was told that they are in the process of hiring more crossing guards. The committee would still like to for more to be done. For example, lengthen the school zone from Jackson to South Patrick. This will continue to be talked about at our next meetings. G. Fahnestock brought up the issue of late buses, that this is both a safety issue and a learning issue. DeLaura has continuously had late buses all school year. Mr. Bryan will reach out to Mr. Rashad to express our concerns and frustration.

Principal Update:

- PTO held a Boo Gram in October.
- Group mentoring has started at DeLaura with Mr. Bryan.
- SGA held a Red Ribbon Week assembly.
- SALT held a Creepy car wash fundraiser to benefit the DC trip.
- Parent conference night was highly attended.
- Both of our basketball teams made the playoff games.
- Kendra Scott gives back fundraiser starts 11/17.
- JROTC had a Veteran's Day presentation.
- SGA held a canned food drive; more than 1,100 cans were donated.
- SGA currently has an angel tree in the front office for families that need a little extra help for the holidays.
- Our music programs have had about 50 kids invited to All County.
- PTO is hosting a dance on December 1, "Under the Stars" is the theme.
- Scottie Showcase is coming up on December 4th for families to learn about all the programs that we offer for next year.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am
Next meeting: December 14 @ 8:30 at DeLaura MS**