

School Advisory Council minutes

February 14th, 2023

Mission: The Merritt Island High School community, working cooperatively with their feeder schools, parents and business partners strive to provide the best educational opportunities for students in a safe environment that allows them to be challenged to their full potential and encourages them to become citizens who are sensitive to their community and the environment.

Vision: In a tradition of excellence known as "Island Style" Merritt Island High School provides a safe and nurturing environment where individuals are empowered to think independently, communicate effectively and contribute to a global society.

Attendance- Andrea Brown, Carla Garrett, Julia Chambers, Reece Daniels, Alan Beal, Gianna Zwack, Lisa Greene, Cristie Sinclair, Ruth Moss, Ryan Beavers, Elizabeth Beil, C. Zierres, Marlo Thomas Palmer, Jasmine Vargas, Mr. Rehmer, Lisa Kerckmar

2022 -2023- PEOPLE CHANGE PEOPLE

1. Call to order- 4:03 pm
2. Reading of the minutes- motion 1- Carla motion 2- Gianna
3. Treasurer's Report - motion 1- Marlo motion 2- Ruth
4. Student Reports

Council- Valentine's Dance was enjoyable/ working on future event fundraisers/ possibly Brevard Sharing Center/ Helping Senior Class

Seniors- Prom March 25th/ Grad Bash- trying to fill a third bus

Juniors- Sweatshirt sales/ Participated with the ESE Dance/ Prepping for next school year

Sophomores- Flower fundraiser did it a little different but made \$100 profit/ working on a talent show Idea and an Easter Egg Hunt with the Early Childhood students

Freshman- Did a small candy fundraiser/ guess the candy amount and win a prize- \$40-\$50 profit/ assisted with the ESE Valentine's Dance

5. Principal's Report

*First semester- 926 students with 3.0 or higher Unweighted GPA/ 164 students- 4.0

*Youth Truth Survey 70% of student body completed it/ Went up in every category/ College and Career Readiness went up- Mrs Ash really helping to connect this with the students

*College Career and College Fair is in March- Similar to the Showcase/ will have businesses/ colleges etc.

*2000 comments in the Youth Truth Survey- read most of them and will figure out ways to help do better for students

*From PM1 to PM2 went up with 11% gain- showing proficiency

*Following SIP goals with ESE minority- more positive

*Diving into Data- chats with both Teachers and Students

*Tomorrow Super and School board visiting- track acknowledgement/ baseball restrooms/ improvement for Tennis

- *Working on having a new Soccer Field House- Booster Club driven/ Beach volleyball courts on campus/ orchestra looking to have own space
- * Also, work to be done on Pressbox and concessions
- *Alan- announcer's booth getting hardy board- better looking aesthetically
- ***New legislation for every SAC meeting-** Mrs Forbes/ Mrs. Brown- post on our website new book purchase requests/ community able to view the names and give input for books to go for student use/ view list at SAC meetings/ If no questions or objections then book are ok for student use/ A plan will need to be worked out
- *Will stay in compliance and have it discussed at SAC meeting even if book is a renewal
- *Non state adopted books are ok
- *Supplemental resources will need approval
- *Mrs. Zierres- requesting to replace a copy of the Great Gatsby DVD and Beyond the Elements NOVA DVD / Also Hamlet, MacBeth, and Romeo/ Juliet graphic novels to purchase - All good to "Go get em"
- *An example of a concern is Anne Frank- this is being challenged
- *When looking at book compliance- look for anything not grade level or age appropriate or inappropriate Pictures
- *Reminder that SAC is not purchasing the books/ Just giving the input
- ***Ways to use SAC funds for students-**
- *More collaborative seating in rooms (FFE money is used for furniture, but would only be enough for 12 rooms/ could do a little at a time
- *Have SAT/ ACT prep after school on campus/ A prep company that targets those students who need the extra help/ Would need to be on a Saturday morning/ We have the tutoring offered now on campus/ Need more staff to accommodate this like Mrs. Petrosino who does it independently
- *New calculators for the math department/ A lot of them are not working/ Mr Rehmer has already done purchases for them over the past couple of years/ uniformity with the calculators will help provide Mainstream the help needed/ breaks the barriers for those who can't get them/ Mr Rehmer will check with Mr. Haeck
- *Request for touch screen boards for the AP classes/ Only one is in media center right now/ We are supposed to be getting 10 of them/ prepped for them/ still waiting on them/ holding off on using money to purchase more of them/ millage/ district initiative may determine how many
- *Could the money be used for sports? Carla mentioned it is a hard time recruiting when the cost for playing lacrosse is \$300/\$400/ There is other money for some smaller sports/ work with Mr. Finney for that - ex. tennis- balls, nets, and possibly bleachers/ Golf- golf balls/ lacrosse will get all new goals/ Donated funds have paid for the Lacrosse shed coming on March 13th/ Coaches need to not just request new equipment but also take care of it too

6. New business- Alan asked about defibrillators on our campus and fields/ Where are they located?/ Do we have easy access to them? Mr Rehmer shared a traumatic experience he had at another school and how very important it is to have them all around campus and to be easily accessible. Three more have been ordered. They are already located in the gym, fieldhouse, stadium and clinic. They are self funded and need to have all pieces purchased too. Updates to those pieces would need to be purchased as needed. There is a need to have one located on the ROTC field, on the soccer field, afterschool availability and other areas of campus. No one should have to go far to get one if needed. Ideally, one should be in every building on campus. Donations are welcomed. Would like to have 12 to 15 total/ Need 8 more/3 on order

Monthly guidance meetings are going well. More freshmen mentoring is requested.

Mr Rehmer has been visiting Jefferson during lunch/ Meeting with the Principal/ helping to make things more cohesive between the two schools/ Students in middle school need to have the realization they are

taking high school credits that will be on their high school transcripts// working on that alignment/ working with the principal on strong emphasis of high school credit in middle school

Mr Rehmer's input for changes- would like to see a 4 day school week with the 5th day to include a ½ day planning/ Not to have students taking needless classes to fill a 7pd requirement. Allow them to go to work earlier, etc. Grad plans now are 26pt. Plan. Move to a 24pt. plan/ 6pds a day (this would require more staff)/ have longer pds. And an optional 7th pd./ Need to have new ideas and try with the changing times

Mrs. Zierres- list of books to DNR/ Purchase/ this list will go to the website for preview to community/ There is a specific site available that gives reviews of books/ This list will go with March 7th meeting.

Meeting March 7th 4:00 due to the second Tuesday is during Spring Break.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm