

# Merritt Island High School's School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023

**Mission:** The Merritt Island High School community, working cooperatively with their feeder schools, parents and business partners, strives 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 environment.

**Vision:** In a tradition 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, Chloe D'Entremont, Angela Owens, Keith Dixon, Wes Glaser, Maddy Motty, Christine Rowe, Blythe Grossmann, Beth Beil, Madison Zupper, Alana Bagwell, Cristie Sinclair, Ryan Beavers, Marlo Thomas Palmer, Debbie Lubbers, Alan Beal, Teresa Nick

- Call to Order 4:02 PM
- Reading of the May 9th Minutes
  - Motion to approve: Blythe Grossmann; 2nd: Alan Beal
- Treasurer's Report
  - Motion to approve: Marlo Thomas Palmer; 2nd: Alana Bagwell
- Student Report
  1. Alana Bagwell, Student Council President: new SGA sponsor (Janet Taylor) and new vision and mission. Trying to be more student-centric. Homecoming week got lots of positive feedback, esp. New ticket sale system. 906 tickets sold. You Matter Day upcoming.
  2. Senior Class: sr shirts arrived and more are being delivered. Handprints are done. Next parking spot painting is on 09/23. Special elections for 2 reps upcoming

3. Junior Class: elections ran smoothly. Shirt sales concluded last week. 1st place in homecoming parade and increased student participation on float/parade.
  4. Sophomores: planning a student vs faculty volleyball fundraiser
  5. Freshmen: 3rd place in homecoming parade. Elections ran smoothly.
- Principal's Report
    - Highly successful beginning of year. Staff has bought in to new focus on TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). Very positive culture evident in staff and student body.
    - Tightened up on dress code and cell phone policy as directed by the district– seeing increased student focus and engagement
    - All 9th graders will be reading No Barriers, autobiography of inspirational speaker, and will later have a chance to see/hear him speak. Focus of text is on resilience and goal setting.
    - Dr Rendell will be meeting with 2 SGA reps at county-wide student forum
  - Recurring Item: Book Purchases

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FLRID	Title	Author/Artist	Type	Audience	Booklist	Kirkus
2193AC1	Catfish Rolling	Kumagai, Clara	Hardcover	Young Adult		
9LXLZ74	A Curse for True Love	Garber, Stephanie	Follett Digital Audiobook	Young Adult		
2124NB6	The Sun and the Star : a Nico Di Angelo Adventure	Riordan, Rick	Hardcover	Middle School	Grades 6-9	Ages 10-14
1202RK6	Sunny	Reynolds, Jason	Hardcover	Middle School	Grades 5-8	Ages 10-14
1566JD2	The Nest	Oppel, Kenneth	FollettBound Glued	Middle School	Grades 5-8	Ages 9-12
1386LX2	All the Stars and Teeth	Grace, Adalyn	Hardcover	Young Adult	Grades 9-12	Ages 14-adult

1734VDX	All the Tides of Fate	Grace, Adalyn	Hardcover	Young Adult		Ages 14-adult
2448RB5	The Night in Question : an Agathas Mystery	Glasgow, Kathleen	Hardcover	Young Adult		Ages 14-18
2560CB0	The Brothers Hawthorne	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Hardcover	Young Adult		
14346Z4	Stardust	Gaiman, Neil	FollettBound Glued	Young Adult		
2609WA7	The Beauty Trials : A Belles Novel	Clayton, Dhonielle	Hardcover	Young Adult	Grades 9-12	Ages 12-18
37015R7	The Secret History	Tartt, Donna	Paperback (mass market)	Adult		
	<b>DONATED</b>					
Book	Devil Springs	Stratton, Faydra				
DVD	American Justice	A&E				
DVD	Forensics on Trial	NOVA				

- List reviewed; no discussion
- Old Business
  - none carried over from May meeting
- New Business
  1. Welcome new members
  2. Delay on new parent members; 2 reps will be elected on Friday, 09/15
  3. Election of officers: Alan Beal as treasurer; Andrea Brown as chair
    - Proposal to hold off on electing secretary until October meeting when new parent members are present. Motion put forth by Andrea Brown; 2nd: Marlo Thomas Palmer
  4. School Improvement Plan (Keith Dixon)
    - a) 2023-24 Goals
      - 15% increase in Algebra EOC in our African American students
      - 10% increase in math and ELA scores in our students with disabilities

- 5% increase in math and ELA in overall student population
  - b) Progress Monitoring
- New data points: FAST PM1 and 2 (ELA) and ALEKS (math)
- Using both to drive instruction
- Data chats with students re: scores have been used in ELA classes
  - c) Youth Truth Survey
- Data reflected growing confidence in 9th and 12th graders knowing and understanding their test results in various subjects
- 5. Discussion of missing names on senior shirts: In order to get name on shirt, you had to preorder. Info was given out at registration, in newsletter and on social media. SGA has decided, going forward, that no names will be included on class shirts.
- 6. Any issues/questions re: SIP or items for next agenda, email Andrea Brown ([brown.andrea@brevardschools.org](mailto:brown.andrea@brevardschools.org)) before our next meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10 4:00 p.m. in the MIHS Career Resource Center.  
Community members are always welcome to attend.