



VIERA HIGH SCHOOL

SAC Minutes – February 9, 2021



Attendance:

Members Present

Sarah Robinson, Cheryl Draves, Vilma Wheeler, Eva Rey, Kim Coluccio, Michael Ayres, Michael Pirolo, Stephanie Spradlin, Steve Loso, Laene Keith, Zoe G, student, Rachel M, student

Members Absent:

Tish Calvert, Kristy Patjens, Heather Smith, Wendy Unterhorst, Carrie Humphrys

Guest

Michelle Devoid

Julie Flajole

Christy Flora

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Viera High School Advisory Council was held via Zoom on February 9, 2021. Cheryl Draves called the meeting to order at 3:45pm; Laene Keith will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: Minutes were viewed. Minutes were approved for January 12, 2021 SAC meeting as is by Stephanie Spradlin, seconded by Michael Pirolo without corrections.

Old Business:

Cognia Accreditation Visit was held in January 2021

New Business:

3:47p Principal update from Mrs. Robinson

Compliments such as “high achieving”, “inspiring”, “supportive”, “it’s more than a school...” were heard across the board when stakeholders were interviewed for Cognia accreditation process for Brevard Public Schools

Data and innovation to improve our school and the community

School mission emerged in every stakeholder interview as a reflection of Viera High School

Last year’s school grade is recently released including Career and College Acceleration – student to have C or better in dual enrollment, or career and technical, pass AP test.

Graduation rate for 2020 was 76.4% (prior year 75%). Shout out to all instructors, guidance counselors, parents, students. JROTC will be included in future years. More students graduated last year than any other year despite global pandemic in a school community where great learning, great preparation is occurring. Ms. Wheeler (ELA Department) shares VHS is the first school interviewed whereby committee amazed by hybrid learning; Ms. Keith expressed gratitude to participate in process.

3:57pm Mrs. Christy Flora, AP, Dean A-G, Attendance presents on Youth Truth survey with stakeholder feedback.

Overview of results provided: 81% of students participated; great focus on building culture and pride as a Hawk. Dialog regarding effects on pandemic: 50% moderately or significantly affected by pandemic; opportunities to monitor effect on sleep, block scheduling and facilitate conversation through Hawk Time. Areas of opportunity include Hawk of the Week, engagement, how to access college information throughout entire high school career, continue work with mental health and building relationships with students to understand their lives outside the classroom.

Upcoming March 1-12 parent survey...watch for link in Blackboard, FOCUS and parent update.

Opportunity to ask questions and discuss provided whereby SGA representatives discussed pace of school day, appreciation of mutual respect for balance of academics and extracurricular activities, how to be inclusive with all learners plus engagement opportunities including valentines for Valentine’s Day.

4:10p Registration Process and Guidance Update with Mrs. Flajole – completely online for registration which will take place in early March. Handout will be given to face to face learners and emailed via parent update email in February.

Academic teacher will make course recommendations online; presentation will be available on guidance website. Instructional handbook, CTE coursework is uploaded; QR code on phone or access via website. Graduation reminders are included. Registration process overview provided by Mrs. Flajole. Confirmation of selections made via Google form will be received via email entered into form; edits available until March 12th. Guidance will be available for spring and summer to assist/make changes but bulk of registration is created based on student requests during this spring registration process. Great enthusiasm for digital registration process!

4:23p Community Updates/Feedback

- Ms. Wheeler inquires about mini grants for teachers. Mrs. Robinson states they have not been determined just yet as last week Mrs. Robinson learned there would not be a funding allocation from the state of Florida. \$7000 current balance knowing no further infusion of school funds, and a lap top cart has been provided already.

- Mrs. Draves inquires about SAT funding; Cares Funding was able to provide SAT funding for seniors and those without concordant scores. Breakdown of accounting may be provided next meeting.
- Reopening task force: what can be done differently in second semester; school cannot encourage large group gatherings, any school based events require approval by administration.

Open Agenda

The next meeting will be held March 9, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting Adjournment:

Laene Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:34p. Zoe G. seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Laene Keith

Secretary

Approval Date: March 9, 2021