

Agenda

Stanton College Preparatory School

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School Advisory Council (SAC)

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:30PM

Main Conference Room

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Janet Allen

Welcome

Janet Allen

Minutes from Previous Meeting (Sept. 19, 2018)

Mary Ann Cano

Report from PTSA

Dawn Botkin

Faculty Forum Report

Todd Herbig

SIF Report

Nongongoma Majova-Seane

Principal's Report – Teacher Showcase

Nongongoma Majova-Seane

Old Business

Janet Allen

- Review and approve Bylaws

New Business

Janet Allen

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Notes:

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SAC Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

Attendance: Members present as noted on the sign-in sheet for Stanton College Preparatory School (hereinafter referred as Stanton) School Advisory Council (SAC) and sign-in sheet for the community, stakeholders, including parents.

Call to Order: A meeting of the Stanton College Preparatory School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center at Stanton on October 17, 2018. Janet Allen, 2018-19 SAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. Mary Ann Cano, 2018-19 SAC Secretary, recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Welcome: Ms. Allen welcomed SAC members and stakeholders to the meeting. A quorum was established for this session.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes for the September 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved unopposed as written.

Report from PTSA: Report from PTSA was provided by our PTSA Representative, Dawn Botkin:

- PTSA now has Twitter. Facebook has improved graphics; Instagram and Snapchat coming soon.
- At the DCC PTA meeting on September 25th, Lacy Dennis (athletic official) provided a discussion on safety and concussion.
- College Night is on October 29th (immediately following the General Membership meeting). Financial Aid, FAFSA, grants, etc. will also be discussed at this session.
- Current membership is at 1,160. We are still short on our 100% goal. We need 130 more members to sign up. 50 membership applications were submitted with no payment (these cannot be processed).
- Stanton is compiling the list of sanctioned clubs following the Club Fair. These clubs will be posted on Stanton's website by Friday (also will be posted on Facebook).
- Winterfest (talent show) try-outs on November 5th and 7th. Show is on December 20th at 4:30pm.
- Ms. Stanton is on February 23rd (applications due by October 30th).

Faculty Forum Report: There is no Faculty Forum Report for today's SAC meeting.

SIF Report: Ms. Allen informed that we have \$10,700 available in SIF funds. Ms. Majova has requested \$1,900 to purchase two large coolers. This request has been discussed in detail under New Business (see below). Ms. Allen will inquire if SIF funds are rolled over to the next year.

Principal's Report - Teacher Showcase: Stanton's Guidance Counselors presented SAC with a preview of a college information session scheduled for students next week.

- SAC participated in a GPA group exercise (see Exhibit A).
- As a student reaches the Senior Year, a class percentile is published instead of class rank; this is to minimize pressure on students.
- The following are some items that colleges focus on:

- Test scores (SAT/ACT)
- GPA
- Applications - essay, extra-curricular, volunteering, etc.
- College information sessions are initially presented to 9th graders and reinforced each year.
- To support the college application process, Stanton is providing college application sessions every Tuesday and Thursday. Interested students should email their guidance counselor.
- For Bright Futures, we encourage students to submit their hours before winter break in their senior year.
 - Note: CAS hours will be added under Old Business at the next SAC meeting agenda.

Other items under the Principal's Report include:

- Duval County is allotted mental health funds. Stanton has access to a mental health counselor (available ½ of the week). Access to this counseling is at no cost to the student (paid by the state legislature). Stanton is meeting with the counselor on Friday to establish a schedule where the counselor will be available to Stanton students. Please note: information shared with the counselor is confidential.
- Mr. Ingram reported that invites are being sent to a Let's Chat session in the auditorium on November 3rd. SAC and PTSA are welcome to attend. This is an outreach to schools to increase diversity in Stanton.

Old Business: Ms. Allen facilitated the Old Business discussion:

- Review and approve Bylaws - Ms. Allen requested SAC to review the Bylaws for discussion at our next meeting.
- There is an immediate need to utilize \$1,900 in SIF funds to purchase coolers for the athletic department. Coolers will be available to all teams and also for events, as needed. Ms. Majova has vetted and submitted the request for SIF approval. SIF approved the purchase of coolers at \$1,900 unopposed.
 - Note: SAC discussed the need to prioritize items under consideration for future SIF spending. Ms. Allen will follow-up with Ms. Majova on ideas on how to allocate future SIF fund expenditures.
- Ms. Majova has been recognized with the 2018 Terrell H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership! Please click [here](#) to learn more about this award. Award recipients will be recognized on November 7th during the National Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Please refer below for Ms. Majova's nomination (see Exhibit B).

New Business: There is no New Business to report.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Meeting adjournment:

Janet Allen, 2018-19 SAC Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 4:35pm.

Submitted by:

Mary Ann Cano, 2018-19 SAC Secretary

November 7, 2018

Exhibit B - GPA Game Instructions

GPA Game

Activity Directions:

Ask for volunteers to be each student and ask them to line up in order of GPA (from highest to lowest). They should hold up the card with the GPA side facing the audience. Then, read the follow instructions:

1. If you have taken an exceptionally strong academic program, move up two spaces 2.5, 2.8
2. If you direct the gospel choir at your church, move up one space 2.5
3. If you clearly stated that this college is your first choice by making an early decision application and commitment, move up two spaces 3.0
4. If your intended major is psychology or biology, move down one space 3.0, 2.8
5. If your intended major is Greek, move up one space 3.3
6. If you do not know any of your teachers well enough to feel comfortable asking for a recommendation, move down two spaces 2.5
7. If, when you word-processed your college essay, you forgot to change the name of the college you were applying to, move down three spaces 4.0
8. If you are a legacy, move up two spaces 2.3
9. If you did not write the optional college essay, move down one space 2.3
10. If the topic of your college essay was sports as a metaphor for life, move down one space 3.5
11. If you wrote the "essay of the year, the one everyone passed around the office," move up two spaces 2.8
12. If you plagiarized an American history paper and got caught, sit down. You're out of the competition entirely 3.0
13. If you will be the first in your family to attend college, move up two spaces 2.8
14. If you attended an enriching summer program between your junior and senior years, move up two spaces 3.3
15. If you have participated in no extracurricular activities, move down three spaces 3.3
16. If you have participated in a significant community service project, move up one space 2.5
17. If you are an eagle scout, move up two spaces 3.5
18. If you are varsity athlete, move up one space. If you're all-region in a sport, move up 3.5 another space 4.8
19. If you got a "d" in an academic course at the end of your junior year, move down three spaces 2.8
20. If you wrote a letter to the college admission officer and explained the extenuating circumstances surrounding a grade of "D", move up one space 2.8
21. If you decided to protect your GPA by not taking AP classes offered at your school, move down two spaces 3.7
22. If you come from a single-parent household and must work part-time to help with expenses, move up two spaces 2.5
23. If your last name is Zuckenburg, and the name of the college library is Zuckenburg, and it's not a coincidence, move all the way to the front of the line and stay there. 2.3

Exhibit B - Ms. Majova's Nomination: 2018 Terrell H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership

Nongongoma Majova-Seane, Principal Stanton College Preparatory School Jacksonville, FL



Nongongoma Majova-Seane brought a philosophy and passion grounded in the African concept of Ubuntu, or human kindness, to Stanton College Preparatory School. It is the idea that humanity is interconnected and that “I am because we are.”

As a child growing up in Soweto, South Africa under the reign of apartheid, Majova-Seane was inspired by the impact her father, headmaster of a school, had on the lives of young students. Majova-Seane began her career in education in 1987 as a middle school math and science teacher. After earning a master’s degree in Mathematics Education and a certification in Educational Leadership, she moved through the leadership ranks of several middle and high schools in the Duval County Public School system. During her career, Principal Majova-Seane gained a reputation as a thoughtful and charismatic leader.

When Majova-Seane became principal of Stanton College Preparatory School in 2010, one of her first responsibilities was to become familiar with the school, its stakeholders, and the community. Stanton had a highly rigorous academic tradition, College Board Advanced Placement (AP) programs, and a dedicated magnet for International Baccalaureate (IB). Majova-Seane’s challenge was to maintain the tradition of high expectations while increasing access for students in the neighborhood and district-wide. Having served as principal of two challenge schools prior to joining Stanton, she was already passionate about inclusion. She was eager to extend Stanton’s reach beyond dedicated magnet middle schools.

When the Duval County Public Schools started an Opportunity Scholars program which assigned students from challenge schools to Stanton, there was a shift in Stanton’s student population. Majova-Seane worked hard with the school community to shift the mindset from tracking students, based on the middle school they attended, to meeting children where they are and their needs – a guiding principle of Ubuntu.

To create a community of lifelong learners at Stanton, Majova-Seane implemented a professional development team of teachers designed to empower and inspire peers. Through research and needs-based assessment, these teachers facilitate professional development that allows them to share best practices. She often tells teachers “the answer is in the room” when they are facing challenges, sending the message that the combined experience and expertise of staff is highly valued.

Principal Majova-Seane created a new sense of community by approaching all stakeholders with warmth, kindness, and compassion. Described as both firm and loving, students have nicknamed her “Mama Majova.”

One of the most significant programs Principal Majova-Seane developed was the Summer Bridge program for incoming freshman. She recognized that the diversity of student experiences prior to Stanton was vast and transitioning to a highly rigorous campus might be challenging for some students. To help incoming students acclimate to the academic culture and, more importantly, to emphasize the culture of Ubuntu, she developed a week-long program. During the program, student leaders serve as role models and new students attend classes. Students participate in team-building exercises and learn about the many clubs and programs offered at Stanton. Recently, parents were invited to attend the last day of the Summer Bridge program to further emphasize the idea of Ubuntu.

In addition to implementing after school academic tutoring and access to technology for homework completion, she also provides one-to-one meetings with struggling students, affectionately called a “Majova Fix.” With Ubuntu as a guiding principle, Principal Majova-Seane made Stanton a place where all students feel like they belong.