



Alden Road Exceptional Student Center



SAC-School Advisory Council Agenda

September 15, 2016 12:45 pm

Attendees:

Name	Position	Email address	9/15	10/20	11/17	12/14	1/19	2/16	3/16	4/20	5/18
Scott, Temple	Chair, Parent, lamable, Inc	Trscott26@comcast.net	X			Multicultural Market Day					
Grice, Jaci	Parent	Jaci.grice@gmail.com	X								
White, Teresa	Parent/PTA	Aldenroadpta@comcast.net	X								
Corrales, Florita	Parent	fcorrales@pincastle.org	X								
Rickert, Rose	Parent	Rickert.rose@yahoo.com	X								
Cashen, Bridget	La'Arche	bridget@larchejacksonville.org	X								
Torres, Denise	ARC Jax	dtorres@arcjacksonville.org	X								
Temple, Charlotte	ARC Jax										
Farlow, Tammy	Parent, Wilson Carpet										
Tucker, Susan	Teacher	tuckers@duvalschools.org	X								
Baine, Donna	AP	bained@duvalschools.org	X								
Blitch, Joey	Principal	blitchj@duvalschools.org	X								
Morris, David	Student	Student Council Rep	W								

- **Call to Order-** Mr. Blitch called the meeting to order at 12:50. Welcomed everyone.
- All were invited to introduce themselves and who they represented. Several new members this year.
- Mr. Blitch introduced Ms. Temple Scott as this year's SAC President.
- At that point, Mr. Blitch provided all members with a SAC Handbook that included a copy of the Bylaws, School Improvement Plan Draft, and School Calendar. He proceeded to review each section of the School Improvement Plan. Reported that the plan draft was due for review the following Friday- all were welcome to provide additional input.

Areas Review:

Purpose and Outline of the SIP

Part 1: Current School Status:

Mission and Vision to remain as written.

School Environment- always striving for a positive and safe environment for students and staff

Incentive Programs- Staff: Golden Dolphins; Students: Dolphin Dollars

Early Warning Signs- Data kept on attendance and behavior; pre-posttests; intervention staff plans and data

Family and Community Engagement- referred to CBI/CBVE, PTA involvement, SAC involvement, Volunteers, Nursing Students

Effective Leadership- Reviewed the new team- New Principal (Joey Blitch), New Assistant Principal (Donna Baine), 2 Lead Teachers (Lorrie Comberg, Susan Tucker) and Job Developer (Laura Edmunds); also have a Shared Decision Making Team comprised of Administration, Teachers, Para

Literacy Leadership- Ms. Tucker spoke about Literacy Week and the activities that go on; also mentioned literacy at levels infused into daily instruction through curriculum materials, books, informational text, etc.

Public and Collaborative Teaching- informed SAC team of weekly PLCs, district training opportunities and well as Early Dismissal Trainings for staff; District and community members invited in to do trainings as well; focus on attaining and retaining quality teachers/staff; goal is to provide support- emotionally, instructionally, appreciatively, etc.

Ambitious Instruction- Mr. Blitch noted having four instructional programs within the building: PLA, SLA, Autism and Transition. He discussed the use of Access Point Standards written for our population of students, Pre/Post assessments, state assessments and adhering to District Quality Performance Indicators for all classes. He mentioned the importance of team PLC meetings, lesson planning, and use of modified curricula to meet all student needs. Also the importance of providing staff with support systems, trainings specific to needs, new teacher trainings, and observations with feedback.

Career Prep is a big focus in the Transition Program- where students focus on life skills and employability skills while operating school based Enterprises.

Technology is embedded in all classes where possible and as needed. Mr. Blitch is looking into opportunities for parents to access technology at home for their students. There may be a possibility of piloting Go Vizzle.

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Mr. Blitch wrapped up this discussion by highlighting to two main goals addressed for this year's School Improvement Focus:

- 1) School will identify agencies to participate in IEP meetings so as **to improve post-school outcomes** with vocational linkage
 - 2) Provide training to teachers and support staff on the use of Curricula and strategies for differentiation to **help increase percentage of students scoring at proficiency levels 4, 5, 6, and 7** in reading, writing, math and science.
- Ms. White (PTA) requested that PTA be active in increasing parent participation and tied into SIP goals with respect to agencies. She also informed group of the current PTA happenings/plans: Donuts for Dudes, Muffins for Moms, Parent Luncheons-Trainings. Said PTA would be present at Open House with information and door prizes. PTA would do all they could to increase parent involvement. She is still looking for and needs volunteers.
 - Ms. Torres (ARC JAX) informed the group of Respite Care for military families. Ms. Tucker said she would post this information in the school newsletter as well as with Ms. Comberg (guidance). She also spoke to the importance of getting parents signed up with APD now. Further discussion included parent meetings and/or help sessions for completing the online application.
 - Mr. Blitch encouraged all to read the plan and submit any modifications needed before the due date. Said we would continue to monitor the plan, review it at Mid Term (January). He will reveal data then. We would review all data and growth at the end of the year.
 - Mr. Blitch thanked everyone for coming. There was no further discussion. Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ms. Tucker and 2nd by Ms. Grice.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 1:45. **Thanks for serving on the School Advisory Council!**