

MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAC Minutes – September 21, 2018

Attendance: Katrina McCray, Heather Bell, Dana Parrish, Peggy Kring, Glenn Gallagher, Roy Fallon, Heather Wakefield, Naomi Ronek, Jeffrey Rose, Kingston Kamal, Elmytra Welch, Cathy Klein, Mary Schrock, Brenna Rastrelli, Brooke Hitzeman, Leslie Craver, Sharon Kasica, Hanna Thomas, John Meeks

Call to Order:

A meeting of the MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES MIDDLE School Advisory Council was held in the MEDIA CENTER ROOM on SEPTEMBER 21, 2018. Hanna Thomas, called the meeting to order at 12:05PM.

Minutes:

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Principal's Report:

- The principal distributed copies of the new organizational chart. Based on the decrease in student enrollment, changes were made to the faculty and staff. Four positions were declared surplus – including a social studies position and a paraprofessional position. The ELA coach/teacher was promoted to assistant principal and that position vacancy was a surplus. As a result of the surplus process, class sizes were adjusted. The priority is to sustain the school's magnet program. The magnet program brings at least 300 students to the school. The GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program was preserved, however, as the principal expressed support for continuing it.
- Miranda Romano is the 2018-2019 MCSMS Teacher of the Year and her name is being submitted to the district for the 2018-2019 Duval County Teacher of the Year.
- The principal introduced the newly-elected student council president who will be serving as the student representative on SAC.
- There are no SAC funds this year.
- District accreditation is currently underway this year. MCSMS has been chosen for a Peer Review visit as part of this process. The principal briefed the committee on the accreditation process and who may be asked to meet with the accreditation people.
- The dean of students briefed the committee on student disciplinary data for the period from August 13 through September 20. During this time frame, 48 disciplinary referrals were issued compared to 84 in the same time frame last school year. She explained the importance of peer mediation with regard to restorative practices. The dean also briefed the committee on nine students who have been referred to SOS. The principal noted that 68 percent of disciplinary referrals that were issued due to classroom disruptions were issued to African-American students. She said that she is encouraging faculty to cultivate positive relationships with their students and to identify students for staffing into rigorous classes. This past summer, the principal initiated a book study that emphasized building stronger relationships with students regardless of background.
- The school counselor briefed the committee on how to look out for students who feel left out and how to reach out to them. The football team, as student leaders, will be working on a presentation to help students make their peers feel welcome at school.
- The dean of students updated the committee on the cafeteria construction process.

September Action Items:

- Information for contacting elected officials was distributed to the committee for them to communicate with the governor and members of the state legislature regarding education issues per last month's committee meeting request.
- The committee reviewed and voted on a resolution asking the Duval County School Board to officially change the name of Mayport Middle School to Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School. The recording secretary will submit the resolution to the chairperson of the Duval County School Board for their review.

Member/Community Input:

- Sharon Kasica shared positive feedback about the school's Shark Bites camp and updated the committee on the progress that she is making with the Anchor for Life program teaching resiliency to students.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on **OCTOBER 19, 2018 at 12NOON in the MEDIA CENTER.**

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: HANNA THOMAS adjourned the meeting at 12:57PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



JOHN MEEKS,
RECORDING SECRETARY

Approval Date: 09/24/18