

MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAC Minutes – October 19, 2018

Attendance: Katrina McCray, John Meeks, Ellen Glasser, Kim Taylor, Roy Fallon, Heather Wakefield, Mary Schrock, Elmytra Welch, Brooke Hitzeman, Brenna Rastrelli, Sharon Kasica, Chris Koek, Terrie Wagner, Glenn Gallagher

Call to Order:

A meeting of the MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES MIDDLE School Advisory Council was held in the MEDIA CENTER ROOM on OCTOBER 19, 2018. Hanna Thomas, called the meeting to order at 12:03PM.

Minutes:

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

Principal's Report:

- The principal received a communication from the School Resource Officer regarding an incident involving a student who was recently struck by a car at the intersection of Mayport Road and Quad Court. As of today, the parent/guardian is not in communication with school administration. The committee continues its ongoing discussion of student safety on state roads in the vicinity of the school. The FDOT budget and timeline were discussed at the meeting. The mayor of Atlantic Beach briefed the committee on speed limit-related issues.
- The principal briefed the committee on the process of changing the name of Mayport Middle School to Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School. She requested help from the city of Atlantic Beach to express their support for the formal name change. The principal recommends that parents and members of the community communicate with local officials to express their support for a formal name change. The recording secretary, John Meeks, will provide a contact list of elected officials for parents and community members to lobby. He has also been asked to write a template for communicating with officials. The principal said that the Beaches community schools are in need of a greater emphasis on STEM curriculum – this includes placing an emphasis on the name change to promote the mission of the school in the community. This would have the added advantage of letting the community know that there is an option for students who wish to pursue rigorous STEM coursework at the Beaches.
- The principal provided copies of the district accreditation reflection map for the committee to discuss in small groups as part of the district accreditation process.

October Action Items:

- The principal briefed the committee on the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The principal opened the SIP to feedback and input from the faculty. There has been an additional emphasis on higher level students relative to previous years' SIPs. Additional emphasis has also been placed on placing students of color in higher level courses. The principal says that there are students of color who are not traditionally placed in higher level courses but one goal of the school is to ensure that teachers are more proactive in identifying such students for the higher level courses. In the past, misconceptions of such students has kept them in lower level courses. The assistant principal for curriculum and the principal explained how teachers changing their approach toward teaching all of their students also benefits learning in the classroom. This includes what is referred to as 'intentional scheduling' that places students in the courses that are appropriate to their respective

skill sets. The principal said that she is open to input from members of the committee as the SIP is a living document that may be modified as the school year progresses.

- SAC funds remain the same as the previous month.

Member/Community Input:

- The recording secretary reminded the committee to participate in the upcoming general elections on November 6, 2018.
- The chair shared information about a Trunk or Treat event that is scheduled for October 28. She will share the information with the school to present via PeachJar.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on **NOVEMBER 16, 2018 at 12NOON in the MEDIA CENTER.**

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: HANNA THOMAS adjourned the meeting at 1:08PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



JOHN MEEKS,
RECORDING SECRETARY

Approval Date: _____