

FMBS School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
20 September 2017 (Amended 10/12/17)

Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

In attendance: Dr. Mazzella, Mr. Brown, Melissa Bell, Lola Jones, Leslie Gillette, Janice Mote, Josie Barber, Linda Gallo.

**1. Approve minutes from August 23, 2017 meeting:**

Minutes were amended to include the names of two attendees from the meeting which were not recorded at that time (Janice Mote, Katie Tricomi). The Vice President designation was corrected to Mrs. Lola Jones. Motion to approve the amended minutes was made and accepted – corrected minutes will be forwarded to Melissa Bell.

**2. Financial Update - \$7526.64:**

No change since last meeting.

**3. Make-up of SAC:**

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Jones agreed to meet to assign the make-up of the group (parent, faculty, student, etc). Currently there are 10 SAC members, but 15 are required. The group had several suggestions for potential additional members and will reach out to those candidates accordingly. Also discussed the presence of Student Council members at meetings once the SC elections are finalized.

**4. New Business:**

**A. School Improvement Plan:**

Copies of the 2016-17 SIP were available for SAC members in attendance to review, but the new SIP for 2017-18 will be available and slated for approval at the October SAC meeting.

**B. Money for AVID training reimbursement:**

Money available for AVID training reimbursement fell short by ~\$231 for teacher reimbursement (teachers paid out of pocket to attend this training over the summer). If the shortfall is not reimbursed via the school board by the end of the month, Dr. Mazzella requested that funds be made available through SAC to reimburse the cost of training. The motion was made and approved to cover the cost of reimbursement for AVID training with SAC funds if needed.

**C. Hurricane Irma:**

Dr. Mazzella stated that the school sustained no damage from Hurricane Irma other than Wi-Fi damage. The internet connections have been fixed as of 9/20 with the installation of new hubs. New projectors and technology hardware has been provided to three portable classrooms (Starline, Bell, Green).

Dr. Mazzella asked if School Reach notifications were being received by attendees. Notifications were sent on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendees stated that they did receive these notifications.

#### **5. Other:**

- Per Mrs. Janzen, tutors are needed Tues/Thurs of each week for 6<sup>th</sup> period AVID classes. Tutors will deliver tutorials as part of the AVID curriculum. Six tutors are needed. Mr. Brown stated that the tutors would receive training for how to deliver the tutorials, and funds are available to pay tutors at an hourly rate. NHS students from FBHS can receive volunteer hour credits if they participate.
- Mr. Brown requested SAC funds (minimum of \$500) be transferred to the PBIS account (Positive Behavior Intervention System) to be used for gift card purchases and other reward items for students. The motion was made and approved.
- Mrs. Jones stated that the Spirit Committee is planning spirit activities/pep rally for the volleyball and football teams.
- Homecoming game is slated for Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – the Homecoming dance is Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.
- A parent raised a concern on social media regarding allowing students to use rolling backpacks at school. Mrs. Barber stated that students can use these backpacks if they get a note from their physician. Dr. Mazzella and Mr. Brown stated that the only things that should be in student backpacks are their 3-inch binder, Chromebook, and possibly lunchbox, which should not exceed the 15lb limit, and suggested that parents monitor what students are carrying in their backpacks that add weight but are not necessary for the school day.
- Current homework limits are 1 ½ hours per night (except for Gossett and Whittaker), and athletic practices should not exceed 2 hours per day.
- Nassau County students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch until October 20<sup>th</sup> as part of Hurricane Irma relief.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.