

**Manatee High School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Dr. Linda Francis, MHS AP. Dr. Francis welcomed parents and introductions were made.

Attendance: Leah Loudermilk, David Thornton, Cherie Peale, Cindy Quinn, Julie Alejos, Leigh-Anne Peake, Kameron Boykins, Trisha Graham, Kathie Gentile, Rich Skinner, David Underhill, Linda Norris, Linda Francis

Discussion/Approval of May minutes – none

Treasurer's Report – no formal report. Mr. Underhill explained that we are waiting for the district to load funds into the SAC account. There should be a rollover from last year.

Principal's Report- Mr. Underhill shared that the nominations for a SAC staff and faculty representative will be voted on soon. Mitchell Lauster, MHS bookkeeper has been nominated as the staff representative and the department chairs have been nominated as the staff representatives, attending on a rotating basis. Class pictures are tomorrow, August 20th – there will be an altered bell schedule so that all photos are taken in an extended 2nd period. Every student received an ID on the first day of school. Wearing IDs is an important component of school safety and MHS made it a priority to have IDs on Day One. In a faculty meeting today, waivers for splitting supplements were discussed. This is required per MEA regulations. Faculty will vote later this week. MHS will be going through the SACS accreditation process later this school year. SAC and parent involvement will be needed. Back-to-School night is Tuesday August 27th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Parents will follow their student's schedule to meet teachers and gather information.

Pulse of the school – Heard from a student and staff member

College and Career Center Update – Linda Norris, College and Career Advisor announced that College Information Night for Seniors is September 5th. The MHS College Fair is September 25th from 8:30am – 10:15am. All students will attend. Parent volunteers are needed. Applications for the Take Stock in Children scholarship are now available. This is for 9th grade students who meet specific criteria, including financial need. Parents are encouraged to sign up to receive the MHS e-newsletter and to visit the MHS website often for information.

Discussion/New Business – Mr. Underhill shared plans for two pocket academies at MHS – the STEM Academy and the Medical Academy. The Medical Academy has been here for many years and we are making enhancements to the program. We are working with NCAC, a national coalition, on development of the academies. Each will have an entry level course and a high level "exit" course. These academies are career-themed programs in keeping with the referendum focus on career and technical education in the schools. Research is also underway for a law/public safety academy in the future. MHS also has the College Preparatory Academy (formerly known as the AP+ Program). It is not a career-tech ed program but is a college prep program for academic achievers. New this year is the AP Research class for 10th grade students with plans to add the AP Seminar class next year. Completing both gives students the AP Capstone distinction. Mr. Underhill also reported that teachers are being trained in AVID strategies to increase student engagement. While there are no plans to add an AVID program, the strategies used are helpful in all classes and more staff will have the opportunity for AVID professional development.

Dr. Francis shared that an Attendance Committee has been formed and is making great suggestions and changes to policy to improve student attendance. She also reported that renovations to the Media Center will begin soon and include technology enhancements. She also discussed school safety and that there will be additional fire drills and lockdown drills so students are prepared in the event of an emergency. At the class assemblies held the first week information was shared with students about safety procedures. Run, Hide, Fight are the key strategies for an active shooter event, with the classrooms/hard corners as the safest location.

Election of Officers – Nominations were accepted and votes taken for the following positions:

Pres-Rich Skinner

Vice Pres—Cindy Quinn

Secretary/Treasurer—Mitchell Lauster

Dr. Francis shared the SAC Meeting Dates: 9/9, 12/2, 2/3, 4/6, 5/4. All meetings will be at 6pm. At the September meeting, we will be discussing the School Improvement Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.