

Monarch High School



Minutes School Advisory Council September 1, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Welcome

Ms. Jusevic called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. She thanked everyone for a great opening of school.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Jusevic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes

Minutes for May 26, 2009 were approved as read.

Principal's report

Mr. Neer welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed his agenda for the 2009-2010 school year. He indicated that what he would talk about would also be in his address to the parents at Open House. He has a 3 tiered approach or focus. The first is academic achievement, 2nd, communication with all stakeholders, and 3rd, increasing school spirit.

Academic

Monarch was budgeted for 2,071 students. As of the meeting date Monarch had 2,100 students. Mr. Neer we will have to change some courses and open up a few sections in order to handle the increase and still meet class size reduction (CSR). Our goals for this year is to focus on the new components of the school grade which include increasing the overall graduation rate and the graduation rate of the at-risk students, increasing the number of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment students, increasing the students who leave school with industry certification and increasing the number of students that are college ready.

Communication

Mr. Neer said that we have to be conscious about how we address others. Communication with all stakeholders is important for a school to be successful.

School Spirit

Mr. Neer indicated that he had been talking to various sports teams and students in order to get an idea of what it would take to foster school spirit. He said that we will have a Pep Rally before Homecoming, Pinwheels for Peace will take place 10 days before September 21, 2009, and that the Fine Arts Department will have a Rockin' Renaissance Festival.

Chair's report

Ms. Jusevic indicated that next month elections would take place to elect the new School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2009-2010 school year. We are in need of a nominating committee. This year they will enforce the 50+1. Students do not count for the quorum but they can vote.

There is a change in the accountability fund distribution. A+ money will be paid first, if there is any money left over the state will decide who gets the rest. Title 1 and IDEA dollars will be distributed after the A+ money. Monarch is in danger of not receiving any accountability money.

Ms. Jusevic told the committee to review the bylaws to see if any thing needed to be changed. She asked that any changes be brought to the meeting in October.

Ms. Jusevic also mention that at the North Area Advisory meeting on October 15, 2009 the District Advisory Council (DAC) will hold School Advisory Training.

Old Business

Dr. Sweeting gave an update on the school improvement plan. She indicated that after the scores came out she meet with each of the department chairs to review and change some of their objectives. She indicated that the district review went well. Minor changes had to be made and this was done again in collaboration with the department chairs. The final due date for the school improvement plan is September 11, 2009.

New Business

Dr. Sweeting mentioned that Monarch's project was removed from the 2008-2009 capital plan. Monarch had an athletic project to construct 4 dugouts at the baseball and the softball field. Also to renovate the baseball and softball fields to Bermuda turf and to construct storage for both sports. She mentioned that as per the document as the budget improves projects that were taken off would be placed back in the capital plan.

Ms. Jusevic told the committee that for the 2010-2011 school year FCAT Writes will be after March 1st and the FCAT Math, Reading, and Science will not take place before April 15.

Meeting dates were determined for the 2009-2010 school year. The meeting dates are as follows:

October 6, 2009

November 3, 2009

December 1, 2009

January 5, 2010

February 2, 2010

March 2, 2010

April 6, 2010

May 4, 2020

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Moira A. Sweeting