

MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL GO KNIGHTS!



School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
May 3rd, 2011

Welcome

Ms. Jusevic called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Review of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes for the April 5th, 2011 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed as read.

Principal's report

Mr. Neer announced that the FCAT Writing scores are due in on May 4th, 2011.

Mr. Neer discussed the budget at length. Administration has been attending Elluminate sessions regarding the budget for next year. The budget is most likely coming in on May 4th, 2011. Mr. Neer discussed the fact that a possible 20 staff members may be laid off. Teachers that were hired on one-year contracts to fulfill the class size amendment are being included in this number. This is the worst case scenario. He indicated that he would like to reconvene after receiving the budget in order for SAC to discuss it. A meeting was set for Tuesday May 10th, 2011 at 4 PM.

Mr. Neer also discussed the fact that AP testing is taking place from May 2nd until May 13th. End-of-course tests will begin the week of May 16th. Senior awards were last week. Senior exams are on May 26th and 27th, with graduation being on June 8th. Mr. Neer indicated that students are asking for more tickets for graduation than are currently available. The Senior breakfast is on June 6th. The math honor society induction is on May 13th.

Mr. Neer mentioned that Monarch had several finalists for the Silver Knight award which is a service award. A Monarch student also received Athlete of the Year at the Senior Scholar Athlete banquet. In addition, Environmental Club had several student volunteers assist in a tree give-away. Mr. Neer would like to continue with the excellent club participation next year and expand it.

Chair report

Ms. Jusevic discussed the budget workshops that the school board has been having. Much of the money such as stimulus dollar, Title I funds, etc. will not be available for next year. In addition, Ms. Jusevic mentioned the legislation which changes the class size amendment. The state is cutting \$459 FTE per student.

In order to save on paper, there will be no more paper surveys to parents. This will be computerized.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Mrs. Bradford distributed a summary of the School Improvement Plan data for the April meeting. She indicated that strategies are still needed to improve parent involvement. Returned surveys from parents are at an all-time low. Discussion followed on ways to involve parents. Suggestions were made to have more parent nights and parent monthly meetings. In addition, more parent involvement is needed for AP classes. A suggestion was made to focus mainly on the goals that were established last year and add support for AP classes.

Next year's SAC meetings were discussed and members suggested that the first Tuesday of the month be continued with a vote in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM