

Freedom High School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Yearly Community SAC Meeting
FHS Monthly SAC Meeting
FHS Cafeteria
February 13, 2023

Attendance:

Bret Caffery, Ruth Caffery, Marie Chavannes, Cathy Davis, Alicia Duarte, Turita Dudhnath, Audra Fresoli, Bradley Martins, Marion McKenzie, Cheryl Neely, Leah Rictor, Lourdes C. Rodriguez, Heidy Salinas, Manuchitra Sannithi, Nabila Saoudi, Taye Valdez

Call to Order:

Food served at 6:00 pm, provided by FHS Culinary Students
Community SAC Meeting was called to order at 6:26 pm

Community SAC Meeting

- Welcome by Principal Neely
- Covered FHS Initiatives, including:
 - ELL Population, creation of Emerging Bilingual Academy
 - AVID Training and how FHS is an AVID Demonstration School
 - New Course offerings this year
 - Criminal Justice
 - Teaching
 - Accounting
 - Principals of Entrepreneurship
- Other schools provided updates on what they were doing
 - West Creek Elementary – 630 Students, 150 ELL
 - Focus on STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Math)
 - Utilizes House system
 - Aligns instruction/units from K – 5
 - Hunters Creek Elementary – 800 Students, 350 ELL
 - Magnet School
 - Focus on Early Literacy and gaps in learning
 - Classes taught in 50% English, 50% Spanish
 - John Young Elementary – 675 Students, 185 ESE
 - Students attending JYE were born in 62 different countries around the world
 - “A Leader in Me” gives students a voice; uses Steven Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective People tailored to kids
 - “Lighthouse Team” of 32 students from grades 2-5 form a “mini-SAC” and get student feedback
 - Hunters Creek Middle School – 1225 Students, 516 ESOL
 - Classroom without Walls, the world is our classroom
 - House System utilizing the seven continents; House meetings happen on long Wednesdays. Everyone belongs to a house – students, teachers, staff
 - Eagle Recharge Time – 15 minutes to go outside, read a book, play, socialize. Time is essential for students; helps them focus better
 - Freedom Middle School
 - Tries to offer different electives
 - Latinos In Action is very involved
 - Encourages students to take one honors class in a topic that interests them
- Closing comments
 - Diversity and Inclusion need to be valued every single day
 - Feeder school success = Freedom High School success

Freedom High School SAC Meeting

Call to Order:

FHS SAC Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Approved by Bret Caffery, seconded by Audra Fresoli

SAFE Update

- No new updates

SGA Update:

- SGA Interest Meeting is happening on February 28
- Blood Drive happening on March 2
- Tomorrow (February 14) is Spread the Love Spirit Day. Other upcoming Spirit Days on long Wednesdays include Adam Sandler Day and Bikers vs. Surfers Day
- Update on Project for SGA/PTSA awareness:
 - Working on getting signs for SGA/PTSA Awareness, when meetings are happening, etc.
 - Spread word through Social Media (FHS Facebook and Instagram pages) about meetings
 - Use Connect Orange to advertise SAC & PTSA to parents

Emergent Bilinguals Update

- 400 Emergent Bilinguals tested, all within two (2) weeks. Tested in four (4) areas:
 - Speaking
 - Reading
 - Listening
 - Writing
- 3 different levels: A Basic; B Middle; C Highest
- Every new students needs to be tested as well when they come in
- 50 students were recognized who received As & Bs
- Doing different things to recognize students
- Increasing Awareness of graduation requirements
- 16 out of 30 passed the STAR – diploma ready, but not college ready
- Brand new requirements for graduation; focusing on Seniors first
- Students are still coming in – had five new students come in today

Principal's Report - (Announcements/HR & Budget Updates)

- AVID has 46 students already accepted into college, one student has been accepted into 10 colleges
- Top 10 Seniors were recognized at FHS
- April 21 is Senior Signing Day
- Only 17 seniors are below 2.0
- 81% graduation rate at this point
 - 48 students need concordant score for Math and ELA
 - March 1 and 7– ACT and SAT opportunity to get that score
 - 37 students need concordant score for reading

Other Business

- No Holiday this Monday (President's Day, Hurricane Makeup Day)

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm

Motioned by Marisela Del Cid, seconded by Bret Caffery

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

3/20/23 @ 6:00 – FHS Media Center

Submitted by: Ruth A. Caffery, SAC Secretary