

Dixie Hollins High School
January 12, 2010
School Advisory Council Minutes

In Attendance: Kathy Myrick, Cynthia Sullivan, Ronald Sullivan, Lisa Scott, Laura Wilfert, Brenda Vlach, John Dockerty, Mike Bohnet, Eric Zebley, Marcia Miller, and Dubravka Agatic

Call To Order: Mr. Dockerty called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Welcome: Mr. Dockerty and Mr. Bohnet welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approved Minutes: Minutes from December 8, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report:

- The first period exam is on Friday, January 15th. No school on Monday, January 18th -MLK day. Exams for Periods 2-7 continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. No school for students on Friday, January 22nd, teachers have a staff development day.
- Boys and Girls Basketball is half through the season. It has been so cold but soccer team is playing in spite of the weather.
- Mr. Bohnet wanted to recap a few things from first semester:
 - Fair Testing is one of the valuable tools used to help students prepare for FCAT.
 - Florida Writes is Feb. 9th.
- Race to the Top was approved by the School Board. This program will fuse money into the state and further money down to our district.
- Mr. Bohnet is seeing private school students trickling into the public schools. More students in the public schools mean more federal dollars.
- Saturday, January 9th was the Information Fair promoting the magnet programs in the schools. It was held at Northeast High School. Mr. Bohnet felt there was more room at Pinellas Park High School where it had been held in the past. Mrs. Sinatra use to be head of the Graphic Arts Academy now it is Mr. Zebley. In spite of the weather there was a good turnout. There was a large interest in our Graphic Arts Academy lead by Mary O'Brian. Mr. Oliver and Mr. Marcel are the other teachers who are part of the Academy. Mr. Zebley advised that Mr. Oliver has a club that meets during lunch who is working on building gaming programs. Discovery Night is coming up and that will bring parents back to our school to learn more about the Graphic Arts Academy at Dixie Hollins.
- Second semester Dixie Hollins will be evaluated for accreditation. Mrs. Vlach, assistant principal, of Dixie Adult Education advised their evaluation will be in October. Mr. Bohnet praised Mrs. Vlach and her staff for the great job they do for the school and the community.
- Schools will be graded differently this year, FCAT will only be half of the grade. Staff developers are working hard to improve scores at Dixie.
- Ms. Agatic and Ms. Juhasz have 100 students in the ESOL Program. Ms. Pandofi is doing a good job assisting with the program.

- Ms. Barnum is ill and may not be back this year. Mr. Wehner has a drama background and has offered to help 2nd semester.
- Mr. Scott is working hard on graduation. It will be June 10th at Progress Energy Field at 7:30 A.M.. Mr. Bohnet prefers Tropicana Field but games are now scheduled by computer not by a person so games are not changed.
- Seven years ago when Mr. Bohnet first came here he tried having graduation on the field, it just didn't work.
- Kenneth City Mayor ,Mrs. Zemaitis, is on staff at Dixie Hollins, we now have a better working relationship with the City. We are seeing some things being done for the school.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Open Forum: Lisa Scott explained Jamba Juice and the cards they gave us to use as a means of raising funds for PTSA. The store is located in Clearwater. When you go in and make a purchase you show them the card that was made for Dixie and PTSA gets a portion of the sale. They will be passed out at the next Faculty Meeting.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2010

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.