

**Dixie Hollins High School**  
**October 13, 2009**  
**School Advisory Council Minutes**

**In attendance:** Theresa Jones, Genniser deVega, Gina Hadala, Laura DeStasio, Joseph Freshley, Laura Wilfert, Eric Zebley, Mike Bohnet and Marcia Miller

**Call to Order:** Mr. Bohnet called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. John Dockerty was unable to attend

Mr. Scott, assistant principal was still in the room after PTSA meeting. Mr. Bohnet asked him for the date of the Senior Party. The party will be June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Marcia Miller explained to the new SAC members what the Senior Party is about.

Mr. Bohnet welcomed the new community members Genniser DeVega and Theresa Jones. He thanked them for coming and hoped they would continue to attend. Genniser is a Youth Pastor and Theresa works for the City of St. Petersburg. The other members introduced themselves. Mr. Bohnet is going to call back some old members with the hope of increasing the number of people that attend SAC.

**Approved minutes:** Mr. Bohnet asked everyone to review minutes from September 8, 2009, minutes were approved.

**Principal's Report:**

- Mr. Bohnet remarked it is already October and time is going by fast. Teachers this year are saying adding the 7<sup>th</sup> period is making it hard for them. Mr. Bohnet asked Mr. Freshley his opinion as a teacher. Mr. Freshley said it is more work but it will just take time for teachers to adjust to the new schedule. Ms. Wilfert said her girls are in AP classes and they get tired of sitting so long. Mr. Bohnet advised that AP teachers had the choice on how they wanted to handle the length of their class, either one or two class periods long. Mr. Bohnet advised that this year we have nine new AP classes and plan to have five additional AP classes next year.
- October is a very busy month. Homecoming was last weekend and was a big success. It was held at the Downtown St. Petersburg Hilton. Mr. Bohnet prefers the Coliseum because it is one room and no other event is going on at the same time. Prom will be at the Gulfport Casino, which is also one room.
- FCAT retakes were October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. No school for students on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Football season is in full swing. Players smaller this year but doing their best. Cheerleaders are doing a great job this year.
- Brenda Hankin and Coach Horne working with cross country. This is Brenda's 15<sup>th</sup> year doing cross country.
- JV football doing well.
- ROTC and Band have events coming up.
- Ms. Wilfert and Mr. Zediker attended Rotary. Mr. Bohnet will ask Mr. Eckman to assist Mr. Zediker in getting more students involved with Interact this year. Mr. Bohnet would like the school to better understand the importance of the Interact Club at Dixie Hollins High.
- Staff Developers now in the school every day. They are here to help teachers prepare for the FCAT.
- 2009/2010 School Improvement Plan was reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:**  
None

**New Business:**

- New member Theresa Jones asked how troubled students are handled in the classroom. Mr. Bohnet reviewed the process.
- FCAT testing was questioned as the factor for grading the schools. Mr. Bohnet advised there is a new process for school grading this year. FCAT will not be the only factor.
- Ms. Wilfert's opinion is there should be other factors in grading a school.
- Ms. DeStasio said her daughter is enjoying this year at Dixie.
- Mr. Bohnet advised that everything in this school is based on the core subjects. All electives programs are great at Dixie, as well.

**Open Forum:**

- Ms. DeSastio questioned when Teacher Appreciation is at Dixie. Mr. Bohnet said it is officially in the spring but he tries to do something at Christmas.
- Ms. Wilfert advised the National Honor Society is doing better this year.
- Ms. DeSastio questioned Dixie having a Debate Club. It is in the planning stages with Mr. Kolosey.
- Report cards October 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Miller reported the Great American Teach-In is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** November 10, 2009

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 P.M.