



School Advisory Council
Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2006
6:35–7:20 PM

Chairman: Peter York
Vice Chairman: Patti Hohns-Boggs
Administrator: Connie Collins
Secretary: Vacant

Members Present: Kim Arnold, Tammy Arnold, Mary Benton, Patti Hohns-Boggs, Jacqueline Byrd, Art Emens, Kim York, Peter York, Ken Lowrie, Carol Melichar, LuCindy Russell,

Members Excused: Dr. Connie Collins, Adrienne Adams, Lynn Arnold

Members Absent: Linda Statler, Lori Kridel, Regina Thomas, Estela Clifton,

Student Members Present: Tyler York

Student Members Absent: Oscar Tavera

Student Members Excused: Bryan Hohns, Patrick Hohns

Attendance Percentage: 70.6% (12/17)

Item 1 **Welcome/ Introduction** **Peter York**

Mr. York welcomed everyone to the November 2006 SAC meeting. No formal agenda items so this meeting was held as an open forum.

Item 2 **Minutes Review and Corrections** **Peter York**

Minutes accepted as presented.

Item 3 **Open Discussion** **SAC Members**

There was open discussion regarding FCAT. The following questions were asked:

1. With the later start of school in 2007 will the FCAT in 2008 be pushed back? Consensus: No one knows and at this time there is no word yet.
2. Are there any strategies that SAC can use to advocate a move in the start date for FCAT testing? Consensus: SAC is not a political organization like PTSA. PTSA has a lobbying group to advocate with the legislature. As individuals you can write your legislators.
3. Will the FCAT Explorer website add Science, since it is now counted in a school's grade? Consensus: Possible (Art Emens).

Discussion held regarding the Crooms website.

1. Need to make events easier to find. Simply having a link titled "School Calendar" is not making it easy for viewers of the site to know what is happening/coming up at Crooms.

Item 4 **Climate Survey** **SAC Members**

There was discussion about a need to increase the number of responses to the Climate Survey. A return rate of 27 or so surveys from parents is not good. There were two recommendations:

1. Include a return envelop with the survey. This way parents can put a stamp on the survey and return it, or they can seal the survey and return it to the school through their student.
2. Provide an incentive for students to return the survey to school. A small treat (tootsie pop, candy bar, etc.) could be given to each student that returns the survey to school.

Further discussion can be held to try and come up with other ideas.

Adjourned: 7:20 PM