

CSCS School Advisory Council (SAC)

Date: Monday, October 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Attendance: Judy Gottesman, Craig Horn, Bruce Leibowitz, Paula Smith, Sarah Fine, Louisa Barbuto, Debbie Swayman, Jessica Starkman, Cavelle Clarke-Morrison, Gary Springer, Randy Fine; **Absent:** Jerry Schwartz, Phillip Harrinarine, Anna Vanhelden, Helene Molino, Cheryl Shambo,

Meeting Called to Order: Randy Fine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Minutes: Louisa Barbuto and Jessica Starkman made motions to accept the minutes from the September meeting. They were accepted and approved unanimously.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Springer presented the school report.

- Mr. Springer reminded parents that students need to be at school and perform their best on all benchmark testing. The results of the benchmark tests are how the school determines part of the academic goals.
- Last week was homecoming and spirit week. All activities went well and the students displayed lots of school spirit and enthusiasm. Seniors played a senior prank but it was within bounds. The homecoming game ended with a victory and the season record is 6 to 1. The next game is this week at Coral Shores in the Keys. The Band put on an excellent performance.
- The fall sports continue to do well including bowling, swimming and volleyball.
- The clubs are in full swing and Mr. Springer encouraged all students to be involved in the activities that interest them.
- Information about the National Junior Honor Society will be coming out this week.
- This is National Safe School week and the kick off program was presented to students in grades 6 – 10; the main topic was bullying and school safety. The message to everyone is to “Speak Up and Tell” if they know of any issues.
- There will be a surprise guest speaker making a presentation on bullying on November 21, 2011, for students in grades 6 – 8. The speaker’s name is being kept secret to surprise the students.
- The end of the first marking period is coming in the next few weeks. Academically all students need to stay focused as midterms approach.
- Mr. Springer explained that the Fair Assessment is a Multifaceted Test in reading that includes areas such as vocabulary, word recognition and comprehension.
- If a school decreases the number of students that are not proficient by 10% they meet the Safe Harbor Program standard.
- CSCS Reads Program is to engage students in reading. This is a school wide program.

Presentation of SIP Reading Goals: Mr. Horn presented the reading goals in the school improvement plan.

At least 37% of the students will achieve proficiency (FCAT Level 3) in reading.

At least 40% of proficient students will achieve above proficiency (FCAT levels 4 and 5) in reading.

At least 65% of students will make learning gains in reading.

At least 68% of the students in the lower 25% will make learning gains in reading.

At least 73% of the economic disadvantaged will reach reading proficiency.

AYP – At least 79% of all student subgroups will reach reading proficiency.

The school has a professional development program in reading that includes the CSCS Campaign, FAIR Training, Vertical Teaming, and Research Based Instructional strategies.

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None

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A parent inquired if the Benchmark Testing scores were shared with students or parents. Mr. Springer stated that in a meeting with the teachers this week he will discuss the need to share the scores with students. The benchmark scores are in SIS under the PLP section. The personal learning plan is a place where students and parents are to set up learning plan for each class; the goals are submitted to the teacher; the teacher approves the goals and discusses them with the student. The teacher and student keep track of where they are and take responsibility for learning.

Mr. Springer announced that there is school on Monday and Tuesday of the week of Thanksgiving week. Transportation will be provided as usual.

Motion to Adjourn: Motions to adjourn were made by Sarah Fine and Judy Gottesman. The motion was accepted and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2011 @ 7:00pm.

Attendance – Recorded on SAC sign in sheets.