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Pace High School: School Advisory Council

SAC Minutes – February 24, 2022 @ 8:15 am, Admin. Conference Rm.

Call to Order / Determination of Quorum -

Meeting called to order at 8:19 am on February 24, 2022.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Matt Crow: Requests for the adoption of the meeting agenda.

Lori Newcomer: Motions to adopt the meeting agenda.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Provides a second.

Vote: The meeting agenda is adopted by unanimous consent.

Reading/Adoption of the Minutes

Dr. Matt Crow: Requests for the adoption of the previous meeting's minutes.

Amie Filbert: Motions to adopt the previous meeting's minutes.

Lori Newcomer: Provides a second.

Vote: The previous meeting's minutes are adopted by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

Lori Newcomer: Reminds of the previously mentioned parent group used to aid with testing.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes

Reports:

1. Principal's Report – Mr. Shell
 - a. Accreditation
 - b. Grade Level Meetings
 - c. At- Risk Seniors
 - d. Vape Presentation
 - e. Freckle Math
 - f. Screener C
 - g. Sub Concerns
 - h. Hiring Concerns
 - i. Job Fair- March 25, 2022

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Principal Shell: Says that Mr. Gray and Mr. Goodwin are unable to attend the meeting because they are driving a bus for a field trip taken by the English Department. He then elaborates on how there is a staffing issue whenever buses are used during school hours for field trips and sporting events. This issue is prevalent because there is a limited number of individuals who are certified to drive buses during the school day. This list of individuals includes Mr. Gray, Mr. Goodwin, Dean Adams, and a few teachers who are also coaches. Because some of the certified bus drivers are teachers and coaches, the administration likes to use Mr. Gray, Mr. Goodwin, and Dean Adams whenever they can to avoid pulling a teacher out of school to drive a bus for non-sporting events. Principal Shell then begins to speak about how the activity buses that are allotted to the school are in constant need of repair.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Begins by saying that a master list of Pace High School issues and repairs would aid in figuring out a course of action to resolve them. Some of the recurring issues are as follows: mice, facilities repairs, and the activity buses.

Dr. Matt Crow: Provides agreement with Mrs. Hazelwood.

Principal Shell: States that the cleaning crew leader has recently cleaned under the bleachers which is one of the issues that needed to be resolved.

Dr. Matt Crow: Says that the lack of cleanliness of the bleachers may stem from having people still eating lunch in the gym.

Principal Shell: Begins by saying that the gym has stayed open for students to eat in because the cafeteria is too small. Principal Shell would prefer to have a pavilion cover over the outside lunch area, and he mentioned that the school district liked the idea.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Brings up that some parents have mentioned getting the media involved if the school cleanliness issue progresses. She suggests that Pace High School takes immediate and aggressive action in the way that the school is cleaned to avoid any progressing issues.

Dr. Matt Crow: Suggests a student run school cleanup to address the issue of understaffing among the janitorial staff.

Amie Filbert: Says she will run the idea past the club sponsors.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Says that PTSO wants to provide support for Pace High School's cleanliness where the district may not provide support.

Principal Shell: Begins by saying that he would like to have another gym-like space built [multipurpose room]. He suggests that we build a multipurpose room connected to an existing weight room located behind freedom hall. He says that the community does not get to utilize our facilities because they're always being used. Then he tells the committee that P.E. classes currently don't have an inside space for activities. He ends by saying that the school district seems to like the multipurpose room idea.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Starts by saying that parents may be able to help fundraise in order to fix the school's issues, especially if they are given a list of repairs/improvements and their expenses.

Principal Shell: Says that if the school had more money, the issues would be able to be fixed. Principal Shell begins his formal report by saying that the school district went through accreditation recently and that he will receive a paper report of the things to improve upon. Next, he states that nighttime

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meetings are being planned for each of the four grade levels. A specific time or date was not mentioned. He then says that Mr. Gray is working on registration. Principal Shell then brings up that a job fair is coming in March. The school district would like to have a report on our staffing needs before the job fair to hopefully fulfill those needs through the job fair. He then says that there are about 80 or so seniors who are at risk of not graduating. His graduation rate goal is 95%. He says that his goal will be difficult to reach compared to the past because of the difficulties in education over the past two years regarding Covid-19. Nonetheless, administration and guidance are working together to ensure that as many seniors as possible graduate. He outlines sub concerns by saying that Pace High School is about 7 subs short, which causes paraprofessionals to be used in the absence of a sub.

Cassandra Hazelwood: Asks how the county is helping the issue of understaffing. She then says that subs are making less than \$11 per hour without a degree.

Principal Shell: Supports that subs and paraprofessionals should be paid more. He then says that paraprofessionals at Pace High School make \$18,000 a year with benefits when they start. Subs make more money but with no benefits. He would like to have volunteers help with supervision of students. However, he presents the issue that volunteers don't have appropriate discipline training, but he agrees to look further into the subject of volunteers helping. He adds that volunteers help with school dances, and he says that it is rare to have to correct an adult supervisor in those situations.

Lori Newcomer: Adds that there may be a possibility of adult volunteers undergoing video training.

Principal Shell: Brings up girls weightlifting's recent state runner up title. He also mentions Kaila Corbridge. She placed 1st in the snatch competition at the state championship. He says that Pace High School has a ton of state champions for a 50-year-old school. He also mentions the academic state champions for Pace High School. Next, he talks about the success of the masquerade dance held at the school and ROTC qualifying for academic nationals. He also says that our art students received more awards than any other school in the district. Next, he talks about the Ted Wiese leadership conference held at Pace High School and describes it as highly successful. In talking about classes for next year, Principal Shell says that Pace High School is hoping to bring back AP US History and offer French and a Teacher Academy. He then says that it is a difficult task to balance core classes with electives and industry certification courses. Principal Shell doesn't want to promise certain classes then have to go back on his word if there is an issue.

Dr. Matt Crow: Asks what the teacher academy is.

Principal Shell: Says that it will be a teacher career path course.

Dr. Matt Crow: Asks if the teacher academy will be partnering with UWF.

Principal Shell: Says he doesn't know the specifics but assumes yes.

Dr. Matt Crow: Says that many young professors at UWF would be glad to help.

Melissa Williams: Brings up the point that we aren't the first school to start a teacher academy, so we could use other schools' programs as templates.

Amie Filbert: Says that she will get with Dr. Matt Crow to look at partnering with UWF.

Principal Shell: Adds that classroom usage and other availabilities still need to be figured out.

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2. Student Services Report – Mrs. Filbert

Amie Filbert: Begins by saying that on Monday, there will be a vaping presentation for parents. She says that middle school parents are encouraged to come as well to help eliminate the issue of vaping before students make their way to Pace High School.

Dr. Matt Crow: States that some kids feel like they can't use the bathroom because of the students vaping in bathrooms.

Principal Shell: Says that the school district should be getting sensors to use in the bathrooms.

Lori Newcomer: Suggests using same-sex monitoring of the bathrooms.

Amie Filbert: Adds that this solution would still run into the issue of understaffing among paraprofessionals. She then says that 1,118 discipline referrals have been given this year. This is 200 to 300 more than other high schools. She brings up that this statistic doesn't necessarily mean that our problem is worse. She believes that we monitor the issue better than other high schools. Next, Mrs. Filbert says that THC and tobacco usage cause the most discipline hearings and adds that there are weekly discipline hearings. She then says that some dealers are lacing their devices with fentanyl. She suggests that students will need to hold each other accountable.

Dr. Matt Crow: Says that tobacco smoking is down because of the information advertised against it. He suggests that the issue of vaping may need to be resolved through a societal shift in opinion on vaping and its safety.

Amie Filbert: Begins by saying that wearing masks last year helped decrease the amount of people vaping. She believes that the detectors will detect all types of vapor-based products. Currently, Santa Rosa County will not let students be wanded with a metal detector. Whereas Escambia County does allow students to be wanded with a metal detector. Next, she talks about how Pace High School offers drug counseling for students caught with THC and a dating violence presentation that will be presented tomorrow during first period. Mrs. Filbert says that Screener C has been completed and the results are as follows:

Freshman English showed a 9% increase. Sophomores showed a decrease. There was a 7% increase in geometry, and a 1% increase in algebra.

Principal Shell: Says that a service dog will be on campus beginning next week. A letter was sent home recently notifying students and their families.

Amie Filbert: Says that a drug dog was on campus yesterday. She adds that the drug dogs do not alert to vapes unfortunately.

3. Guidance Report – Mr. Gray

The Guidance Report was waived due to Mr. Gray's absence.

4. Facilities/Testing Report – Mr. Goodwin

The Facilities/Testing Report was waived due to Mr. Goodwin's absence.

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5. Student Report – Aidan Bryan

The Student Report was waived.

6. Faculty Report – Mrs. Williams

The Faculty Report was waived.

Next Meeting Date & Time/Place:

Thursday, May 2, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. Administrative Conference Room

Meeting Adjournment Time:

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am on February 24, 2022.

Resources:

- a. School, District, and State Public Accountability Reports available at the following:
<https://edudata.fldoe.org/index.html>
- b. Florida State Statute
http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&pp_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=1001.452&URL=1000-1099/1001/Sections/1001.452.html
- c. Santa Rosa School Board Policy 2.30
https://sites.santarosa.k12.fl.us/policy/policy2_30.pdf
- d. The Florida Sunshine Law:
<http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/321B47083D80C4CD8525791B006A54E3>
- e. Robert’s Rules of Order: <http://www.rulesonline.com/>
- f. Florida School Advisory Councils <http://florida-family.net/SAC/>
- g. Schedule of Meetings/Meeting Minutes and Agendas
<https://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/>
- h. <https://www.pacehighschool.net/school-advisory-council>