

SAC Meeting Minutes
For
Gateway Charter High School

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Members Present: Sara Abraham (principal), Kim Brady, Angela Higginbotham, Amber Jensen, Lisa Legiec, Janneth Vargas, Landy Voltaire Kelly Weeks
GCIS Members: Ruth Albright, Julia Borra, Lisa Legiec, Nicole Rodriguez
Welcomed Guests: Marie Eastwood & Cameron Yearsley, Ivan Borra (student)

Topics Discussed, Tasks Assigned and Decisions Made:

Meeting opened at 3:34 p.m. Members were introduced and where they represent. All members signed in and meeting agenda were distributed.

Agenda Items:

- The minutes from the last SAC meeting dated September 11, 2013 were reviewed by the members of the committee and approved.

*Mrs. Eastwood gave a brief update for the School Improvement Plan for the High School as well as the Middle School. She explained changes that were made to the forms which now have more specific demands. The document targets more of the needs of students, such as the lowest 25%, the four core subjects, benchmark data, and FCAT retakes from October. The documents also target the ESOL and ESE students and the PERK testing which determines the readiness of our juniors and seniors for college. The document had a deadline for state which was November 1. It was approved by the state and continues to change as results change.

* Mrs. Abraham mentioned the Title II funds. Title II funds are determined based on the number of students eating free or reduced lunch. She mentioned how it would be disbursed among our three schools. The funds will be used to assist teachers in continuous professional development. We hope to get books for teachers tailored toward leadership, send teachers to conferences for enrichment, and guest speakers to come in for motivation and creativity. The proposal was approved by the committee. It was mentioned that last school year Mrs. Vargas and Mrs. Eastwood benefited from professional development conferences, which help them to gain a better insight for helping our students.

* **In guidance** News, Ms. Higginbotham spoke about the parent night that took place on October 17, 2013. The parent night entailed graduation requirements, volunteer hours, and college visits taking place for the students during their lunch. Many colleges have already visited our students such as FIU, FAU, FGCU, and others just to name a few. The students are very excited and look forward to acceptance letters from colleges in December. She mentioned on November 19, 2013 Lehigh Senior High will be conducting a Financial Aid night for their students from 7-9 p.m.

***Athletic Dept for Middle and High School:** Mr. Yearsley discussed our fall sports successes in Cross Country, Golf and Football. Our Cross Country team finished 4th in the district. The first time in Gateway history!!! Congratulations! Alex Gonzalez will compete in the State Competition on Saturday, November 9, 2013. In Golf, Blake Lolato won 2nd overall and finish 21st of 100 in the State. Congratulations! In Football, on Friday, they won 52-14 against Cypress and are 2nd in the division. They will go to playoffs against Oxbridge Academy @ 7p.m. in West Palm Beach! The first time in Gateway history! In Soccer, the boys played Island Coast and won 2-1 and 4-2 while the girls loss 2-1 and 2-0

- Boys Basketball has preseason try outs November 12-14 5:30 and 7:00p.m. Girls play ECS Tuesday, November 12 @ 6p.m. Wednesday, November 14 Estero 6p.m. Thursday, Canterbury.
- Wrestling tryouts start on November 16 in Naples
- Cheerleading tryouts start November 7

Middle School: In Volleyball, the girls have tryouts. The volleyball players will start their games on November 14 girls @ 5:30p.m. Boys @ 6:30p.m. at Bonita Charter. On November 19 at Dunbar boys play @ 5p.m. girls @ 6p.m., November 21 @ Cypress boys @ 6p.m. girls @ 5p.m. , and December 3 Six Mile @ 5:30p.m. for boys and 6:30p.m. for girls.

This year each sport will be responsible for having a sports banquet. Football will have a banquet on November 20 @ 6p.m. in the Gateway Café. Golf will also have their banquet on November 20; it will be @ the Miromar Lakes Golf Country Club.

There will be a Booster Club meeting on December 4 @ 5p.m. in the school Café. We hope to have a Turkey Trout this year!

*** Mrs. Weeks (Reading Specialist)** discussed the students what the students in the National Honors Society have been doing for their community. The students are volunteering their time after school by reading to the elementary students and tutoring the middle school students. They have also sold donuts to raise money and will be participating in a walk for Leukemia soon.

Mrs. Weeks mentioned the school wide reading challenge that was put in place for both middle and high school teachers and students. The winner for the middle school students was Mrs. Foster's class who read 240 books and high school students winning class was Mr. Kopp who read 278 books. The winners will receive a donut party while the individual student winners will a gift card. The overall school winner will receive a Nook.

* Mrs. Eastwood mentioned tutoring and how it will help students to fine tune areas of weakness in the classroom.

The middle school students went on a trip to Disney World in Orlando this morning November 7, 2013. The students are conducting physics lesson fro the rides in the theme park.

- **Mrs. Borra** mentioned safety for students in the drop off area of our school. The parents are doing much better with dropping students off in the morning. All business had been discussed and meeting was adjourned @ 4:08 p.m.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 15, 2013

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Room 137