



VIERA HIGH SCHOOL

SAC Minutes – November 10, 2020



Attendance:

Members Present

Michael Ayres
Kim Coluccio
Cheryl Draves

Laene Keith
Michael Pirolo
Sarah Robinson

Stephanie Spradlin
Wendy Unterhorst
Vilma Wheeler

Members Absent:

Ms. Humphys
Mr. Loeser

Ms. Patjens
Ms. Rey

Ms. Smith

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Viera High School Advisory Council was held via Zoom on November 10, 2020. Principal Mrs. Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:47pm; Laene Keith will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from October 13, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved 11/10/20 as motioned by Mr. Pirolo seconded by Ms. Coluccio without corrections.

Old Business:

School Improvement Plan Voting will take place 11/10/20.

New Business:

School Improvement Plan Voting

3:51p All in favor of approving School Improvement Plan; passes unanimously

Principal Updates

3:55p Mrs. Robinson reports Superintendent rounded at Viera High School

- Half-Cent Sales Surtax Extended... Thank You Brevard County Voters! This is a help to Viera High School as well as the entire community; Ms. Robinson and Dr. Mullins toured multimillion dollar a/c plant. Three new chillers now housed in separate concrete building. Due to all new state of the art equipment, to have lifespan of 30 years. Every school slated to have projected work on with Viera receiving facilities (\$1.1M), educational technology (\$2.1M) and security (\$470K). Total \$3.7M
- Ms. Robinson states on behalf of Brevard Public Schools, thank you for helping get the word out to pass this sales surtax renewal which passed favorably. Michael Ayres - Thrilled to see the vote and strong margins to pass renewal which is a great investment in our kids and schools

Student Attendance

4:00pm

Full Time eLearners 562

Part Time eLearners 265 (BVS, EFSC, combination)

Brick and Mortar 1279

HS population has higher eLearner population during athletic seasons to minimize risk for exposure. Moving into playoffs for fall sports, increase in eLearning observed. Amazing to see engagement with teachers and students both eLearning and Brick & Mortar: creative conversations, challenging but successful to address needs of students.

- a) Ms. Draves has had students return plus resume eLearning; majority are eLearners;
- b) Ms. Spradlin describes excellent protocols with both systems;
- c) If students have concerns, administration open to feedback for safety improvements;
- d) Custodial staff very attentive to sanitizing protocols; Covid-19 has created creative thinking;
- e) Ms. Coluccio inquires about teacher/staff feedback and is grateful for efforts for engagement;
- f) Ms. Robinson praises staff for creativity for students in classrooms as well as blending online experiences;
- g) Ms. Wheeler states engagement had been a concern at beginning of school year; eLearners are beginning to engage with the group and building bridge with classroom and eLearners
- h) Ms. Draves explained initial concerns about technology which couldn't be controlled, poor connectivity or systems disconnecting but feeling more confident with delivery every day

4:09pm

Congratulations to Ms. Wheeler - new ELA Department Chair

Congratulations to Ms. Armstrong - new Academy Director

Staff meeting to share on Thursday; express gratitude with technologies added to classrooms with anticipating discussion how can administration support teachers which in turn supports students.

4:10p Will eLearning continue in January? No direct update from DOE, eLearning approved through December. It is unclear what will occur in January and district will need to reapply for approval for next semester.

4:11p Ms. Wheeler expressed gratitude for grant for technology which is empowering students and teachers during unprecedented times

Remediation update (4:12pm) for students struggling...more Ds and Fs noticed with eLearners than in person. Departments are collaborating to ensure success. Parent emails have been sent, in person tutoring opportunities in English, Math as well as virtual tutoring. No Zero Zones amongst creative ideas to help students get what they need. Federal Cares funding has supported these efforts to supplement additional hours worked by staff.

November updates (4:13pm) Mental Health lessons begin Friday (drug/substance abuse, packaged curriculum) during Hawk Hour. Watch for topics to be communicated in parent email.
Live performances in courtyard for band and theater (2 tickets for each family member) including safety regulations approved by administration. Permits showcasing one's crafts!
Winter sports under way...Soccer game tonight!
After Thanksgiving...Tuesday ends 4.5 weeks. If enrolled in EOC (which include algebra, geo, bio or US History) Test dates: Dec 7 and 8 for 30% of grade. Keep focused academically

The next meeting will be held 12/8/2020 at 3:45pm via Zoom*

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Laene Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:19pm. Michael Ayres seconded; carried unanimously with well wishes for a Happy and Grateful Veteran's Day and Happy Thanksgiving.

Submitted by,
Laene Keith
Secretary

Approval Date: January 12, 2021

*December 8, 2020 SAC Meeting did not occur