

**Orlando Gifted Academy**  
**School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**01/27/2022 @5:30p, OGA Auditorium**

**Attendance:**

Melonie Sexton, Sarah Courtney, Annmarie Cherolini, Sarah Gal, Martina Herndon, Ericka Scheid, Britt Despenza,

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Orlando Gifted Academy School Advisory Council was held in the auditorium on January 27, 2022. Chair Melonie Sexton called the meeting to order at 5:31p. Ericka Scheid will record minutes for this meeting.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

December 2021 minutes: Sarah Courtney motions to approve December minutes. Martina Herndon seconds. Minutes are approved.

**New Business:**

Principal's Report (Announcements/HR & Budget Updates): Mid-Year Review of SIP Goals: *Instruction (Differentiation)* – Use of iReady and PMA data; Using MOY data for elementary and PMA for middle school; Activities to support math: Math fluency competitions – classes win trophy for the week; Math Blast after school tutoring started week of 1/24 – will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays; Girls Math Competition with Orlando Math Circle; Math Counts this past weekend; Teachers will continue tutoring and small group instruction; Administration and Leadership Team will continue with classroom walkthroughs; Tier 1 Intervention teacher provides push in and pull out assistance for students; *Social Emotional* – Caring School Community implemented in all elementary classrooms; The CSC kits provide lessons and books to support social emotional learning in the classroom; Some middle school teachers will begin using CSC in their classrooms; Character Lab is a program for our middle schoolers to utilize to support their social emotional development; 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens for every middle school student (students are using this book during Advanced Academics class); 7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids in the elementary classrooms; Ms Courtney asked if there was a way to collect data on use of CSC in the elementary school classrooms to celebrate how it's going; Ms. Despenza stated we will work on creating a survey to gauge teacher perception on the effects they have seen with students since implementing; Ms. Gal asked where the School Improvement Plan can be located – Can be found on the OCPS Accountability & Improvement website; Ms. Gal asked if this year's SAC will provide recommendations for next year's SIP – yes; Ms. Despenza shared she doesn't receive data for SIP until late in summer; She also shared how last year's SAC recommended more concentrated effort on differentiated learning, which resulted in purchase of Renzulli Learning; She also shared about a recent training middle school teachers attended (Defined Learning);

Field Trips: On hold; Competitions are permissible; Starbase for 5<sup>th</sup> grade (@Research Park with Department of Defense & UCF) – students who attend Starbase in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to attend the middle school camp at no charge;

Clubs: Dr. Sexton contacted community members to see if they would be interested in sharing resources regarding after school club; She is willing to do Neuroscience, a colleague is able to do Dead Language, another colleague could do virtual workshops on Anthropology (Dr. Sexton will share information on how to access resources).; Ms. Courtney asked about clubs – no new clubs will be starting;

**Old Business:**

Communication: Dr. Sexton created a flyer to share on school Facebook page and shared with PTA; Ms. Courtney recommended sending notice prior to SAC meetings; Dr. Sexton said she would send an email to members a week prior to the meeting as a reminder; Ms. Scheid stated going forward, all dates/times will be on the school website calendar; Discussion about providing virtual option to increase attendance; Ms. Despenza shared at this time, SAC cannot be held virtually;

Blinds: Were installed over the last week

Shed: To store PE equipment; Expected delivery and installation on February 1

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Sarah Gal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55p. Dr. Sexton seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:** April 14 @3:30p; May meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 12 @5:30p;

**Submitted by:** Ericka Scheid, Secretary

**Approval date:** April 14, 2022

According to [Florida State Statute 1001.452](#), SAC members shall:

1. Perform functions prescribed by regulations of the district school board, but not have any powers and duties reserved by law to the school board
2. Assist in the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the school improvement plan
3. Assist principal in preparation of school's annual budget and plan
4. Identify the appropriate use of school improvement dollars for implementing the approved school improvement plan, if funds are available from the Florida Department of Education