

**Orlando Gifted Academy
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
01/25/24 at 4:00PM, OGA, Dr. Cybulski's Room**

Attendance (voting members in bold):

Sean Maguire (Principal), Amy Halstead (Chair), Sylvia Baer (Secretary), Jenn Mandelion Chrisman, Zhen Cybulski, Tina May, SRO Joey Lascelles, Melonie Sexton, Jenifer Hills Jurgensen, Hina Lone, Elijah F. (SGA Vice President), Amber Lineberry, Tamera Patten, Carolyn Crandell and Michael Garvey.

Motion to Call to Order: 4:02PM by Sean Maguire and Melonie Sexton seconded.

Amy Halstead motioned to approve the minutes from November 30, 2023. Melonie Sexton seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written, with a comment from Mr. Maguire to remove the footer with the incorrect date.

Principal's Report:

NAGC Recap: Dr. Cybulski informed the Board of the information gathered at the NAGC conference. The team informed the Board of field trips and competitions beneficial to gifted students. The team got information on grant writing, information on teacher-parent communication for the gifted classroom. Ms. Patten shared a chart demonstrating a team approach to help benefit the student. Ms. Patten informed the board that the team approach was from the perspective of a parent. That parent worked with a teacher in getting information on how to have a successful teacher-parent team. The team got more information on how to develop math and science in the gifted classroom. The team obtained more technology information for the gifted classroom by finding websites that promote critical thinking while being kid friendly and teacher friendly (free). The team provided fliers for the board with those resources.

Pine View/Mote Marine Recap: Mr. Maguire discussed the Pine View/Mote Marine trip with the board. First was Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium and the attendees were Mr. Maguire, Dr. Carr, Mrs. Crandell, Mrs. Yount, Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Panther and Mr. Dennis. The team got ideas about job opportunities for our students. They looked at tools that the scientist used in the laboratory. The purpose was to advance marine science and education, supporting conservation and sustainable use of marine resources. The team collaborated with Mote Aquarium for virtual field trips. The team then went to Pine View School for the gifted. It is a "public" school "serving" the Sarasota County area. They were a Blue Ribbon School, with Academic Teams and they have grades 2-12.

QUESTION – Jenn Chrisman inquired if private funds can be used to help fund the facilities for a public school. Sean Maguire stated, it must be taxpayer funds.

The team learned that Pine View School used Cornell Notes, has standardization of educational strategies across the school 2nd-12th grade; cross-curricular collaboration; multilingual world languages teacher; competitive clubs; offer Biology on campus; consistently offering "above grade-level" curriculum to students.

Pine View inquired into what OGA did to get higher elementary scores. Pine View School has close to 2,000 in their student body. Pine view has district leaders as administrators. They only take Level 4s and 5s, they have a higher criteria in acceptance to the school.

Sean Maguire informed the board of shift in roles at the school. OGA has a new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Crandall. Sean Maguire did not want to hire someone on the outside right now for testing coordinator. Next year might change with makerspace and other electives. Dr. Cybulski is looking for a leadership role and the lab may change.

Dr. Cybulski, Ms. Patten and Dr. Carr will divide up instructional support roles that Mrs. Crandell previously held, including testing coordinator and lead mentor.

Due to our success in school growth, some courses and electives might change to accommodate the core courses.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals:

Goal 1 report was given to the board. The data indicates that progress is going forward. New students had lower scores in the beginning; however, they are making the biggest gains. The goal is to have record learning gains, especially for our lowest 25%. The school got the information in regard to what points are given for the learning gains. We will look at the scores student by student.

Goal 2 is still in progress with collecting data taken place. Progress is being made on resources for our teachers. The school received 4 new ACs over the holidays.

PTSA Updates:

Sports team being offered with PTSA support. Basketball begins this Sunday. The camping trip is this weekend. PTSA is looking for board members for next year. There is a 2-term limit.

New Business:

Ms. Lineberry presented the school library's book order request. The board will inform Ms. Lineberry if we have issues. Jenn Mandelion Chrisman motioned to approve the list of books for the school library, Melonie Sexton seconded the motioned. None opposed.

Faculty Advisory Council:

Student Recognition Fund- Sean Maguire informed the board that we do not know the amount. We have a range of \$58K-\$68K. It will be plus or minus \$100 or so of what the staff got last year. We have already voted and approved a plan for the funds while other schools are still waiting for voting.

SAC Meeting Dates

- The Next Board Meeting dates are as followed:
February 29, 2024 at 4PM
March no meeting
April 11, 2024 at 4PM

Other dates will be established in the April meeting.

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Faculty Advisory Council- School Recognition Funds presentation and request for plan approval- Ms. Guierrez

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- Dr. Cybulski stated that the students are doing well with the testing.

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Open Agenda (Public comment):

SGA presentation: Elijah, SGA VP – Informed the board of some impact they had made. SGA had barriers installed in-between the urinals in the restrooms. They did not get peer counseling due to not obtaining a psychologist to sponsor them. They want to install new locks in the restrooms and add a new AC in the middle school bathroom. SGA wants to start Reading Buddies to assist those that need support in reading.

SGA informed the board that they have a Greener team, to help promote school beautification. They are making posters and are trying to get a mural on the outside of the library. They are collecting donations for that project. PTSA offered to give some supplies they already have. They are working on a design for the mural. SGA has started preparing for fundraising. They will meet with the PTSA board for support. They are working on sending an email to the county to add more vegetarian and vegan lunch options. They are work order put in on trying to clean the water fountains. There is a Food Drive currently going on for a baby food. There will be rewards for students that are participating.

SRO Joey Lascelles informed the board that there are many things that he cannot do as a School Resource Officer. Due to school grant, he is not allow to write tickets. The traffic, parking and people parking in handicap spots are becoming an issue. SRO Joey Lascelles stated he will start issuing tickets to enforce the law, in which there will be consequences for him. OCPS comes up with the rules for the SROs. They have the agreement of what SROs are allowed and not allowed to do. The Board inquired into how we can assist to help keep the order. The Board will notify their commissioners of changes that need to be made in order to allow the SROs to have more authority to protect the law.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:12PM. Motioned by Amy Halstead. Seconded by Melonie Sexton.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

February 29, 2024 at 4PM; Media Center

Submitted by: Sylvia Baer

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According to [Florida State Statute 1001.452](#), each school advisory council shall:

1. Perform functions prescribed by regulations of the district school board; however, no advisory council shall have any of the powers and duties now reserved by law to the district school board.
2. Assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan required pursuant to s. [1001.42\(18\)](#).
3. Assist in the preparation of the school's annual budget and plan as required by s. [1008.385\(1\)](#).
 - a. A portion of funds provided in the annual General Appropriations Act for use by school advisory councils must be used for implementing the school improvement plan.
4. School Advisory Council (SAC) Guide OCPS 2023-2024 School Year:
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