



Orlando Gifted Academy  
School Advisory Council (SAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
8.23.2018  
Orlando Gifted Academy- Media Center

Member Attendance: Annette Nielsen, Rebecca Sirkle, Amber Sepulvado, Patricia Knowles

Call to Order: A meeting of the The Orlando Gifted Academy School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 8.23.2018. SAC Chair Annette Sirkle called the meeting to order at 5:18pm. Amber Sepulvado will record minutes for this meeting. Chair Annette Nielsen welcomed everyone. The SAC members and Principal introduced themselves to the room.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Annette Nielsen motions to approve the minutes from 7/26/18.

Motion approved unanimously.

Chairperson explained SAC's purpose and Rules of Order

Bylaws:

Rebecca Sirkle motioned to approve bylaws as drafted with the following amendments:

Amend comments section

Article 8- remove comments section and move to elections in Sept

Motion approved by Annette Nielsen

Amber Sepulvado seconded

Old Business: SAC open positions

- Discussed student demographics and that there are a few open positions on SAC for those that want to join.

New Business:

- School Improvement Plan (SIP) Updates: Principal Knowles: "We are changing the way SIP is done"

Areas of Focus:

- School wide enrichment model SEM- The SEM focuses on the development of both academic and creative productive giftedness

Intended Outcome:

- Encourage creative productivity on the parts of young scholars by exposing them to various topics, areas of interest, and fields of study
- Further train scholars to apply advanced content
  - District goal of being more culturally responsive

Principal's Report:

Goal this year:

- Focus on the whole child

Action steps:

- Book talks with staff
- Monitor hiring steps
- Celebrate cultural awareness
- Parent academy to address barriers

Plan to monitor effectiveness:

- Surveys
- Parent and student round tables
- Opportunities for parents to get involved

Teacher's Report:

Mr. Burnett-5th grade teacher talked about:

- Hands on investigations; team teaching; small classes; will be using more supplemental materials for students
- Assessing students- can compartmentalize based on mastery of standards
- District has approved online Renzulli program
- Iready- 3 assessments throughout the year

Open Agenda (Non-SAC Members): Topics of Concern

Parent asked: What is schools stance on communication about assessments/tests/results at school? Is there a plan to roll out information to parents?

Answer: Open House

Parent asked: Can school send a letter out and put in policy about serious language? Anything we can do to let parents know to talk to kids?

Answer: Each guidance counselor is going through Code of Conduct with each class. Principle to attach code of conduct to newsletter. Teachers will have the children sign the COC.

Parent asked: Do you feel the school is getting support from district resources?

Answer: Yes, productive meeting today and we have overcome some challenges

Meeting Adjournment: Motion: Rebecca Sirkle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location: 9.20.2018 5:00pm Media Center Orlando Gifted Academy

Submitted by: Amber Sepulvado- SAC Secretary

Approval date: 9/20/2018

Rebecca Sirkle- Motion to approve minutes

Amber Sepulvado- Seconded motion

All in agreement, motion carried

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<sup>1</sup> The Orlando Gifted Academy School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of individuals from various segments of the community;parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The sole purpose of the SAC is to "assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan." [ Florida Statute 229.58]