

SAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2021

Media Center, 5:00 PM



Guiding Statement Power 5: Champion Voice! We can unlock spectacular, unimagined results when we respect, pay attention to, and champion [student] voice (p. 91). [Student] voice transforms culture (p. 92).

“You help people grow up.” – Elsa Ingratta

Welcome / Introductions

- Meeting started promptly at 5:00 pm. Members introduced themselves. Eight members and Mrs. Ingratta were present. Dr. Olga Emgushov stood in as SAC chair for the night.

New Hires

- Mrs. Dania Declue, our front office clerk, has unfortunately left Edgewood. Her replacement, Ms. Jayme Howard, will be coming to us from Suntree Elementary School after the Thanksgiving break.
- Mrs. Tracy Hardy, English and reading teacher, will be our new GSP (testing coordinator). Ms. Belinda Luebcke, who comes to us with Advanced Placement training, will take over Mrs. Hardy's classes after Thanksgiving.

Attendance Updates

- We have been experiencing unprecedented tardiness counts this year, including some students arriving consistently after the 8:30 bell. There will be increased parent contact for persistent cases.
- Edgewood is ranked #1 in the district for attendance, based on the last district report.

Youth Truth Survey (January 3-28, 2022)

- Last year's survey showed that students feel that only 13% of teachers understand what their life is like outside of school.

- Mrs. Hardy will be coordinating the survey administration this year.

Choice School New Applications (November 1-December 3, 2021)

- Currently, there have been more applications than at the same point last year. A total of 401 applications have been received as of November 15.
- The first informational meeting/tour nights were well attended. The final info/tour night will be November 18.
- The lottery will be held at the district office on December 13.
- Those selected via the lottery must accept their spot no later than January 28, 2022.
- SIP was voted on and accepted for submission by the November 5th deadline.

Testing Updates: Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE)

- Questions: Are there exemptions? If certain EFEC courses are taken, are students exempt? Assessment is optional.
- Almost all seniors passed the exam.
- Ideally, for the future, the exam will be coordinated with students taking government courses.
- There are some frustrations regarding the communication of the assessment information.
- The University of Florida has some exemptions for the test.

Article: “Most Students Don’t Know How to Study. Here’s How Parents Can Help.”

- Copies of the article were provided for members.
- Students learn better by studying over a longer period of time rather than all at once.

Open Comments/Questions

- There were no questions.

The meeting concluded at 5:20 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 5 pm in the Media Center.