

Sarasota Military Academy
School Advisory Council Meeting

Jan. 21, 2009

In attendance: Dan Kennedy, Robert Lechner, Gale Downs, Ken Cowles, Terry Lipman, Kris Howard, Debbie Herbert, Ryan Thompson, Josh Payne, Alex Payne, CSM Daly, Jim Young, Jack O'Reilly, Brian Larson, Ross More, Vera McClaugherty.

Substitute Chairman, Ken Cowles called the meeting to order at 7:52 a.m. The December minutes were approved by Headmaster and seconded by Vera McClaugherty.

Headmasters Report: Final exams went very well and the second semester started off just fine. We have 610 in attendance. Some students moved on to other schools and a few new students joined us. We have a five year the budget projection in place, and we feel the school is in a great position for the future. We will be adding new full time math and science teachers for next year. In late May the remodeling will start in the cafeteria, and we are adding a large office space. The old stage will be sold off in pieces as a fund raiser. If you know anyone that has danced or played or sung on the old stage and would like a piece of this memory, it will be for sale at the end of summer. Eventually two new building will replace existing wings. We are looking in South County for a campus to be built there. We have a lot of students that travel for hours to attend this school. At the fall semester break the gym floor was installed. The pavers were sealed, and the old building was tented for termites.

Old Business: A report was given by CSM Daly about JROTC. The Manatee County Schools are not able to attend the Orlando drill meet because of the budget cuts. It was confirmed that the state JROTC district for Raiders was a great win. We will be going on to the state level. The Drill team will be going to the Orlando meet Feb.7th

New Business: Pam Donehew, gave a Literacy Council Report, Throughout the county there will be cuts in media specialists, data coaches. The Reading Council meets every other week at the county level. The staff will be receiving e-mails on how the students will be doing a written exercise in each subject to prepare for the FCAT. This will also be displayed at the next staff meeting. For staff development we are having a grant writing workshop at the end of the month. Then on May 1st we will have grant writing in the computer lab. CARPD will be held this summer at Pam Donehew's home. Mr. Kennedy made a special announcement that Pam Donehew is our teacher of the year. Two claps and a Hoorah!

A report was given by Vera McClaugherty that on February 12th at 6:00p.m. in room 22 there will be a college information night. They will be explaining FASFA and helping parents get a pin number.

Ken Cowles mentioned that Pat Calhoun from the Ed Smith Sports Complex has a fund raiser for parking cars at all the sports functions.

The county schools are planning to go back to the traditional style schedule. We are hoping to stay with the four block style and what will need to be worked out is the transportation schedule.

A motion for adjournment was made by Jack O'Reilly and seconded by Alex Payne at 8:50 a.m. The next meeting is February 18, 2009.

Minutes submitted by Gale Downs

