**Lawton Chiles High School**

**School Advisory Council Meeting**

**September 28, 2021 – In person/Virtual Zoom, 6PM EST**

**Voting Members Present**

Administration: Joe Burgess, Calli Pickens

Parents: (Zoom) Laurie Graybar, Sabrina Holloman, Shouping Hu, Kristen Sommers

(In person) Kimberly Revell, Lillie Thomas, Sabah Bissainthe (Zoom)

Chair: Wesley White

SAC Secretary: Robin Oliveri

BAC Representative: Wayne Rubinas

Faculty: Mike German, Peter Prato, Lynn Schuster

PTO Representatives: Penney Baughman, Christy Worley,

Student SGA: Britton Miller, Hunter Gruen

Support Staff: Colleen Swagar

PTO Representative: Kelly O’Rourke

**Voting Members not Present:**

Parent: Tonya MacKinlay (Excused), Terry McCaffrey (Excused), Angela Murray (Excused), Oral Payne, (Excused), Dean Johnson

DAC Representatives: Chris Chaback (Excused), Jennifer Portero (Excused),

Support Staff: Misty Cash, (Excused), Nicola Miller (Excused)

Parent Liaison: Jessica Oyster (Excused)

Community Partner: (Excused) Carey Sweet, Martha Cummings

# Guests Present

Melissa Ingram, Nia Wellendorf

**Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by SAC Chair, Wesley White**

**A quorum of voting members is established**

1. **Welcome**
   1. Agenda uploaded to members on Zoom. Motion to approve agenda – unanimously passed.
   2. Review of 8/31/2021 minutes – correction requested to reflect Tonya MacKinlay for both PTO and BAC representative. Motion to approve correction and minutes unanimously approved.
2. **Reports To Be Heard**
   1. **SIP – Cali Pickens**
      1. Feedback is steadily coming in on the draft School Improvement Plan. Data will continue to be added as it is received.
      2. Mr. Burgess explained the lack of a school grade for last year reflects FLDOE COVID allowances. LCS only had one school request a grade in order to come out of corrective status.
   2. **Principals Report – Joe Burgess**
      1. This year the school is planning to re-institute the Hall of Fame and have double winners per category in order to make up for last year’s hiatus due to COVID. It is exciting to capture what LHS graduates are doing in the world. A selection committee will be forming.
         1. The Chiles Foundation remains supportive of this event.
         2. The foundation is a separate but affiliated organization that raises money for the school.
         3. Are a 501(c) (3), non-profit
      2. Open House – the virtual Open House was successful on 9/20 with teacher recordings, similar to Orientation.
      3. Freshman Night on 10/21. School has paid for all parents to be able to be on zoom.
      4. Oct. 7th - required mental health training for students. There will be modified bell schedule. Repeat again in January and March.
      5. October 15th – last day of the first quarter. Pep Rally day.
      6. October 16th – Homecoming Dance
      7. October 27th – Report Cards
      8. Full Sail University from Winter Park, FL on campus for two days this week showcasing their technology degree options. Hands on stations for students.
   3. **DAC – Mr. Rubinas**
      1. Delayed to establish quorum, ultimately able to elect officers. Dr. Gayle facilitated meeting.
      2. Attended by school board member, Daryl Jones.
      3. Brainstorm activity to identify areas of focus for the year – included establishing a health panel to assist with decision making. Suggested membership included local hospital administrators, health department, and medical leaders.
      4. Questions were posed regarding the elimination of the quarantine creating issues about masks for exposed students (asymptomatic) when returning to school.
   4. **SGA – Mr. Prato, Britton Miller**
      1. Main focus = Homecoming. October 15th game, 16th dance. The week of homecoming includes spirit week: Jersey Day, Dynamic Duo Day, Wacky Wednesday, Holiday Favorite Day, Character Day.
         1. Ticket sales next Tuesday – Friday (10/5-10/8). Sophomores and PTO are helping. Tables will be set out during lunch. Tickets are $15 per person.
         2. Businesses have been donating. Capital Eurocars donated water.
         3. Dance will be outside in the center courtyard. BAC could connect with Bannermen Crossing vendors for donations and offer advertisement banner in return.
         4. Pep Rally will be held on the track –not on the field.
         5. Ceremony will include balloon arches and plants.
         6. Mr. Burgess shared the challenged of predicting homecoming. The dance could fluctuate between 700 – 1200 depending on weather, community events, sporting events, etc.
      2. Suicide Awareness campaign coming up, as well as bracelet sales for Hurricane Ida Drive – headed up by Jr. President, Hudson Taylor.
      3. Campus beautification efforts are continuing with chalk messages and banners.
      4. SDAC (Student District Advisory Council) was attended by the superintendent, Rocky Hannah. Talked to students about COVID and using videos to inform people. Voted on representatives for DAC.
      5. Field Trips
         1. Tom Brown Park has been suggested. Team bonding is the focus.
         2. SGA class is very large and Ms. Swaggart and administration are much appreciated for helping SGA stay organized.
   5. **SITE – Lynn Schuster/Mr. Burgess**
      1. Supplements applications have been reviewed and have been approved. Sponsors are reminded to keep minutes of meetings, attendance records, and accurate general records of activities.
   6. **PTO – Penney Baughman**
      1. Very large first meeting.
      2. $300 was approved for Ms. Bigelow to support the holocaust education event with HERC.
      3. Fundraiser chair still needed.
         1. Brick fundraiser – before 2020 the Chiles Foundation organized this fundraiser. Beginning in 2021, the PTO will take over.
         2. Bricks are $95 each. $100 with a pawprint added.
      4. Upcoming Events
         1. A/B honor roll lunch on 10/27
         2. Teacher goody bags – October
         3. Teacher breakfast – November
         4. Teacher lunch – December
         5. SGA Ticket sales
      5. Next meeting is Monday, 11/4/2021
   7. **BAC (Business Advisory Council) – Wayne Rubinas**
      1. First meeting will be within the next few weeks.
      2. Currently Mr. Rubinas is participating on a city planning group regarding the future for our young people in the community. The emphasis is to grow economic opportunities for them to remain here after graduation.
         1. Breakout sessions were held to brainstorm ideas and recommendations.
         2. Supported by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.
         3. Recommendations will be consolidated and partnered with legislative support.
         4. Goal is to have the consolidated proposals ready by January committee meetings ahead of the 2022 legislative session.
         5. Key recommendation is the need for more school counselors.
         6. The Jr. Achievement Program from Talent Hub– accessible on class link – local program to raise student awareness and engagement.
   8. PLATO – Melissa Ingram
      1. Plato class is open for 7th period.
      2. Credit recovery program – all core classes are available for recovery. Teachers area available for each class:
         1. English – Ms. Parsons
         2. Art – Childers
         3. Math – Taylor
         4. Crutchfield – closure with seniors
      3. Began program in 2014. The first year, 44 students recovered 40.5 credits.
      4. In total – 259 students have been able to graduate after recovering 193 credits.
      5. This program is a significant part of the 100% graduation rate of the school.
      6. Students are referred by counselors. It is most successful with Jr. and Sr. level students – who have graduation and post-secondary plans in place.
      7. Virtual adult community education is available for freshman, as well.
3. **Old Business**
   1. Budget – Mr. Burgess
      1. There is no budget
4. **New Business**
   1. No new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM. Next meeting will be October 26, 2021 @ 6:00PM

Robin Oliveri – Secretary October 26, 2021

Signature & Role of person who recorded minutes SAC Approval Date