



AGENDA

RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Date: November 17, 2020
Time: 6 PM
Meeting called by: Principal Douglas Cook
Timekeeper: Dr. McNeil

Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting Type: SAC Meeting
Facilitator: Mr. Jeff Stachnik
Note Taker: Mr. Jeff Stachnik

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time Allotted
Welcome	Mr. Stachnik	1 Minute
Approval of October Minutes	Mr. Stachnik	5 Minutes
Principal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">COVID-19 cases and campus impactChromebook distributionNine Weeks ending 01/15/2021Final Exam dates for first semesterConstruction updatesDigital Academy: attendanceTesting: Governor unlikely to waive testing requirements for graduation	Mr. Cook	30 Minutes
Title I Parent Engagement Survey Update	Dr. McNeil	5 Minutes
DAC Update	Ms. Wells	5 Minutes
TAC Update	Ms. Stachnik	5 Minutes
SAC Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">School department reports/updates invitationsAnnouncementsNew business	Mr. Stachnik ALL	10 Minutes
Next meeting date December 15, 2020	Mr. Stachnik	1 Minute
Adjourn	Mr. Stachnik	1 Minute

SAC Meeting Minutes—November 17, 2020

The meeting was brought to order at 6 PM by Mr. Stachnik

A motion was made to approve the October minutes, was seconded, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

The minutes will be posed on the Rickards SAC webpage.

Principal Report

- COVID-19 cases and campus impact
 - Principal Cook provided a summary and took questions from SAC members. Around 150 students returned to brick and mortar from digital academy. He reported this week one student and one teacher on campus was positive. Only 3 total students on campus have tested positive since school reopened. Currently the soccer teams are quarantined. Principal Cook will meet with construction group to discuss mask compliance. Basketball will be handled like volleyball. Tickets will be limited to family. The gym will have increased sanitation and cleaning between games. All Leon county principals working on a standard event safety protocol.
- Chromebook Distribution
 - Mr. Holmes reports he is waiting on the district for an update. Currently all students on campus have a Chromebook. Rickards is waiting on a delivery of about 1500 devices.
- Nine Weeks ending 01/15/2021
 - Principal Cook reminded all the first semester ends on 1/15/21 not in December.
- Final Exam dates for first semester
 - School is still working on the exam schedule. Principal Cook anticipated a schedule where semester exams will begin the week of January 13 and will have 2 exams per day. The school is still working on the plan to have the 7th period exam. When available the schedule will be sent to the listserv.
- Construction updates
 - Mr. Holmes provided a report on construction. AC work continue. Demolition will continue over winter break. The building 19 elevator will be completed as well. A staff/student bathroom is being constructed between building 19 & 24. The courtyard construction will begin next summer. Rickards will be getting a turf field put in at the end of the spring

football season. All construction will be complete at Rickards by the end of 2021.

- Digital Academy: Attendance
 - Principal Cook provided a review of attendance. There has been a transition/learning curve at the beginning of the year. There were no attendance failures given through September. Starting in October all students will be accountable for attendance. Parents can review attendance on FOCUS. Parents can email excuses to Dr. Barnes within 3-5 days of absence.
 - If parents have issues with grades it was recommended students and parents first try to work with the teacher. If a resolution is not achieved, the process is to contact the guidance counselor and a meeting can be scheduled via Zoom. The school is asking for patience, understanding there is frustration with grades in Canvas. Parents asked for more transparency in grades and asked for more feedback from teachers.
- Testing: Governor unlikely to waive testing requirements for graduation
 - Principal Cook reminded everyone the State is not waiving any standardized testing requirements for this year.

Title I Parent Engagement Survey Update

Principal Cook was happy to report 166 surveys were completed this year.

DAC Update

Ms. Wells provided an update on DAC.

- About 3500 students retuning to brick and mortar, though not a lot at any one site
- Teacher planning dates are in the school calendar
- Chromebooks are coming; new teacher salaries are increasing from \$37,500 to \$43,000. Existing teachers will be getting at least a \$3,000 raise
- The district continues to closely monitor Covid and will continue to communicate. No big spread has been observed
- The school window option to return to brick and mortar begins on November 23rd thru December 18th. The change will take effect on January 20th
- Ariana Range is Rickards' student DAC representative
- DAC discussed learning models effected by Covid-19 protocols
- Leon County schools received accreditation
- Grants for teachers were announced through the Leon County Foundation

TAC Update

Ms. Stachnik provided an update of the recent TAC meeting.

- TAC discussed Chromebook distribution with Title 1 schools prioritized
- LCTA – 90% of the teachers voted to accept the new contract with LCS. Includes raises to \$43K
- Presentation on www.myfloridamyfamily.com
- Group broke into discussion groups
 - Collaboration with among Title 1 schools
 - Teacher Retention and Incentives
 - Early Childhood Education
 - COVID-19 and the Digital Divide
 - Next meeting will be the week of December 15, 2020. Exact date will be announced.

SAC Chair

Mr. Stachnik reminded members SAC Secretary position is still vacant.

Meeting minutes and recordings will be available on the Rickards website.

Standard agenda items will be added for IB, AP, and athletics next meeting. Members were asked to submit other ideas and agenda items to the Chair.

Mr. Stachnik asked members for announcements or new business.

31 students attended Saturday School

Ms. Richardson asked members if they are aware of a family in need of a Thanksgiving basket to contact her.

Best and Brightest student applications are available now. Interested students should contact Ms. Jones in guidance. The application is due December 2.

Next Meeting

- The next SAC meeting:
 - December 15, 2020
 - 6pm via Zoom

The meeting adjourned by the chair at 7:16 PM.