



AGENDA

RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Date: October 15, 2019
Time: 6PM
Meeting called by: Mr. Douglas Cook
Timekeeper: Dr. McNeil

Location: Media Center
Meeting Type: SAC Meeting
Facilitator: Mr. Reginald Minor
Note Taker: Mr. Reginald Minor

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time Allotted
Welcome	Mr. Minor	1 Minute
Approval of September 2019 Minutes	Mr. Minor	2 Minutes
TAC Report (Pending meeting schedule)	Mrs. Stachnik	10 Minutes
DAC Report	Ms. Wells	10 Minutes
SGA Report	Miss Conqualla Scott Miss Alexis Scott	10 Minutes
Title I Plans/Updates	Dr. McNeil	15 Minutes
Principal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sophomore & Junior Parent NightParent Night 9th & 12thPSATReport Cards (Oct. 23)Progress Reports (Nov. 13)Current Class Size UpdateConstruction UpdateFacilities Update	Mr. Cook Mr. Holmes Mr. Holmes	45 Minutes
Next SAC Meeting: November 19, 2019	All	1 Minute
Adjourn	Mr. Minor	1 Minute

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Welcome and Opening

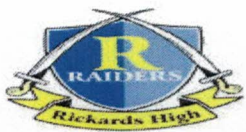
- Mr. Minor brought the meeting to order at 6 PM.
- Team members and new parents were greeted with a cordial welcome.
- Mr. Minor asked for a motion for the approval of the September Minutes. Minutes approved with corrections.

Title I Advisory Council Report

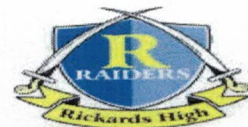
Mrs. Stachnik provided the team with the latest from TAC.

- TAC has moved its meetings back to Mondays (instead of Tuesdays); as meetings conflicted with several school SAC meetings.
- The amount of Title I funds for this year totals about \$655,000 that is down from previous years. The formula has been changed –meaning the monetary allocation has been reduced to only the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Mr. Cook mentioned Rickards has a different formula that includes a separate allocation, minus 18-year-olds.
- There will be a Teacher Planning Day Summit for teachers at Godby High School. The summit will focus on several areas:
 - Impact the Outcomes
 - Conference Discipline @ Pineview
 - Equity and Inclusion—Diane Cox-Williams
 - Housing Unity
- TAC continues to focus early childhood education. Based on April's presentation, TAC wants to work on providing targeted and comprehensive access to quality pre-K programs. This would be done by:
 - Increasing access for 3 and 4 year olds to pre-K programs in their zoned schools to increase number of kindergarten-ready children in Title I schools
 - Increasing outreach to families in Title 1 school zones, collaborating with Whole Child Leon, Early Learning Coalition, Head Start, etc.- offering more screening opportunities and information about their zoned Title 1 School.
 - Offer a full day for pre-K students.

In addition, TAC will also look at efforts to protecting and support struggling schools or those within the lowest 25%-30%.



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Ms. Wells provided SAC with the latest report from DAC.

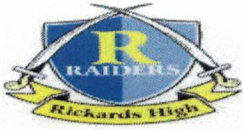
- Superintendent, Rocky Hanna stated the District will take seek another company that would be able to utilize the mapping system available by the County to streamline the bus routes and maintain real-time communication with parents.
- Maintenance and transportation workers were given pay increases. The Teachers Association is bargaining with the Florida Legislature to increase teacher pay.
- Rocky Hanna wants to align teachers' pay with the state average, by tightening the budget; and using money made available from new assignments and employee separation.
- Sabal Palm Elementary school has officially become the County's first Community School. The school is now partnering with local businesses as well as with FAMU and FSU.
- Rickards will take the lead in working with other local high schools for Habitat for Humanity.
- The Voter Registration Drive will be expanded to all high schools
- Early Learning Coalition Director, Brooke Brunner is setting up visits to local private day care providers. The goal is to prepare our children (particularly southside children) for entering kindergarten.
- Leon County Schools have received and have been re-accredited.

Regarding safety, Leon County School Board is working on developing the RAID app. This will be an Alert/Walkie-Talkie for appropriate responders to take immediate action in case of an emergency.

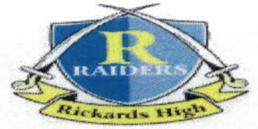
The District is developing a Mental Health Plan and curriculum to assist with early intervention. It is only in the development stages as there is a growing concern with rushing into situations and using uncertified people to serve in areas outside their expertise.

Parents expressed concern over records not available through FOCUS. With upcoming mental health activities, parents want to know if there are any unknown records about their children.

All public records at Rickards High School are handled and made available by Julie Jernigan. Parents may request a public record concerning his/her own child.



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SGA

Habitat for Humanity November 2, 2019 8AM-3PM—Rickards students and others will assist with building a house next to Fairview Middle School. This will be the 200th house build in the Big Bend area.

- SGA will host the Longest Table—a collaborative effort with other Student Government Associations in Leon County
- Spanish Heritage Day
- SGA hosts Veteran's Luncheon
- Fall Formal Dance at Magnolia Lodge on November 8, 2019. SGA will need chaperones for the event.
- College Application Day
- SDAC School Swap Day
- Press Conference—Voter Registration

Title I

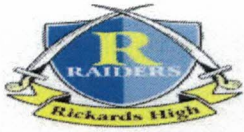
- Senior Best and Brightest Applications are available
- FLVS AP test ordering on November 8, 2019 to test in May for free. Those who are retaking the exam must pay \$94
- AP test preparation resources are available.

Principal Report

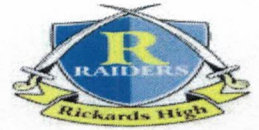
Mr. Cook addressed class size challenges, stating changes will take place with the morning classes. Students can look for reduced classes in AP History, Algebra, Algebra II and ESC. Scheduling will involve only the location and instruction for those classes.

Upcoming events

- Parents were encouraged to attend the Parent Nights scheduled during the week. The Parent Nights will provide information regarding class curriculum, college applications, financial aid, Student Athletic Requirements, ACT and SAT tests. Report Cards will be available via FOCUS October 23.



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Construction Update

Mr. Holmes provided the team with the latest:

- The main artery along Building 24 will be shut down until the end of the month.
- Building 13 is now under renovation
- Building 1 will have 5 additional offices by Spring
- Building 19 will have additional space with new furniture by Summer
- Library will be temporarily partitioned off for classroom space for 8 teachers. Changes will take place in July
- Chorus classes will meet in the auditorium
- 23 ft. egress out of building outlet to sidewalk and to auditorium.
- Work crews are correcting a plumbing issue outside the gym. Current plumbing set-up is causing intermittent sewage back-ups
- The track has closed for safety concerns. Mr. Holmes stated the track is a total disaster. The track will be stripped and resurfaced.
- The air conditioning will be shut down in buildings, 3,5,6,14 at the end of the year

Next Meeting

The next SAC meeting:

- November 19, 2019
- 6pm in the Media Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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