

SAC Meeting Minutes—January 19, 2021

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

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

The minutes will be posed on the Rickards SAC webpage.

Principal Report

Principal Cook provided an update on several issues to SAC members including:

- **Baker County Regional Football Game**
Principal Cook described a dangerous situation following the football game at Baker County. Rickards filed a complaint to Florida High School Athletic Association related to crowd control. He reported the altercation Rickards kept their cool. Principal Cook will keep SAC aware of any further actions.
- **Returning Students for January / Learning Option Change – No Wait**
Principal Cook reported students can come back from Digital Academy to Brick and Mortar at any time. 160 additional students have recently returned. Rickards is at 50% capacity in school with about 800 Brick and Mortar students.
- **Covid-19 Update**
Principal Cook reported staff 65 years and older were offered vaccinations last Saturday. The school will continue to follow its' process in notifying parents of positive cases. The school will also make all efforts to continue to social distance with additional students. He also reported there has been a recent spike in cases.
- **Championship Rings**
Principal Cook briefly spoke about the possibility of championship rings for athletics teams for their great accomplishments. He reminded SAC members the school is prohibited from purchasing the rings, though fundraising efforts are being made to honor our accomplished student athletes on these teams.

School Updates

Rickards Administration and Students presented updates to SAC members including:

AD Farmer

Director Farmer praised our athletics teams. She attributed football success on our new locker room and Coach Lewis. Rickards won our 4th basketball state championship last year. Our CBI team won the state championship at the Special Olympics. Banners are being installed at the stadium highlighting our other team. Parents and donors were commended for their generosity. The turf field will be installed later this spring and will be blue.

Dr. Williams (IB)

IB students are now registered for exams, A revised exam schedule will release this week. Exams will be at TCC. Rickards has 64 diploma candidates, 62 Juniors, and 22 course candidates. All teachers will be attending IB training workshops. All will be complete by February.

Dr. McNeil (AP)

AP exams at home went well last year. 646 exams were taken with a 48% pass rate. This year 1100 exams are scheduled to be taken. Students who are registered late are responsible to pay a late fee. Exams will be May 3-14 this year. Teachers have been taking AP virtual workshops.

Mr. Cameron Brown (SGA)

SGA has been meeting regularly for a month. SGA is preparing events for Spirit week and Mental Health week coming in the next two weeks.

DAC Update

Ms. Wells provided an update on DAC.

- Update is for December and January
- District FTE to remain the same. 3rd nine weeks is an open window to return to brick and mortar. Superintendent advocating for vaccinations for all staff. Students have gotten their Chromebooks. Ms. Wells praised student Errianna Quallo for providing FDAC updates. Nims now has a pre-law magnet program. District truancy rates high. Missing students has come down from 800 student to about 675. There have been 246 positive cases of Covid reported

in district, 85 brick and mortar and about 58 employees. DAC discussed Charter school vs public funding. Graduation rates are up. District discussing safety and security issues.

TAC Update

Ms. Stachnik provided an update on TAC.

- TAC did not meet last month.

SAC Chair

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

Mr. Stachnik asked members for announcements or new business.

Several announcements were made by members.

Mr. McBride was thanked for his Thanksgiving Basket efforts.

21st Century program is back. Information can be found on the Rickards list serve and website.

The basketball and football team was congratulated.

Next Meeting

- The next SAC meeting:
 - February 16,2021
 - 6pm via Zoom

The meeting adjourned by the chair at 7:13 PM.