

## **SAC Meeting Minutes—March 30, 2021**

The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Stachnik at 6:01 PM

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

The minutes will be posted on the Rickards SAC webpage.

### **School Updates**

Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent-Student Compact: Dr. McNeil gave an update on these two documents that were previously provided to SAC members. By vote, the draft of these two documents were approved by the SAC. Members were provided a link to provide further feedback to Dr. McNeil prior to the finalization of these documents. SAC members will also use the link to vote on the final approval of these documents.

The Rickards Math, Science and Language Arts programs provided presentations on their curriculum to the SAC. The department chairs also discussed testing requirements and resources available. SAC members can contact these teachers directly with any questions. Dr. McNeil reminded the SAC there will be a virtual Testing Information Night on April 6. More information on attending will be coming via the Rickards Listserv.

SGA reported they are currently working on a plan for the end of school year activities.

### **Principal Report**

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

- Convocation / Prom – Principal Cook reports Convocation will be virtual this year. He stated other schools may be having parent-planned proms. At this time, Rickards will not be planning a prom.
- Senior's Last Day - Principal Cook reported Seniors' will have their last day of classes on June 4, 2021. Seniors will return their Chromebooks and pick up their graduation materials on their last day or just prior to it.
- Computer/Chromebook Collection– Principal Cook reports all other students will be turning in their equipment starting with Brick and Mortar

students on June 10. Digital Academy will turn in their equipment on June 11-15. The school is planning to be flexible and will set up a process for returns.

- Six period Schedules – Principal Cook reports the district will be bring back a traditional 6 period schedule next year. He is not sure about the 7<sup>th</sup> period. He will be working with the Superintendent and will inform SAC on any updates.
- Construction - Mr. Holmes reports construction continues at the school. He stated parent pickup will be complete and back to the original location in mid-April. Construction on the new bathrooms continue. Grass is coming to the old building 3 location and inscribed paver bricks can be purchased from Mr. Sea. The football field turf is still scheduled to be completed this summer. Rickards will have to remove the Alumni room. Materials should be gathered and packed up so nothing is lost. Mr. Cook stated space is tight and he will look for options once construction is complete to house Alumni materials.
- Course Request Forms – Dr. Barnes reported the process has already been started for next school year. Forms are due by March 24 but can be accepted until April 13. Rickards will be holding a virtual orientation for new students. The registration process will be complete by May 1. As an aside Dr. Barnes reported that 10 out of 11 students recently passed the certified nursing assistant exam.

### **DAC Update**

Ms. Wells provided an update on DAC.

- Leon County has approximately 4,500 school choice applications.
- Digital Academy will be discontinued for next year. Students who do not wish to return will have to enroll full time with Leon County Virtual School and unenroll at Rickards.
- Surveys were overwhelming in support of returning to brick and mortar school.
- Ariana Range provided DAC with an update on student mental health and project one (feminine hygiene).
- Foundation for Leon County Schools has programs to provide low-cost internet. Contact Ms. Wells for more information.
- Efforts are being made to rebrand and provide increased legislative advocacy. SDAC, Title I, DAC, ESE, and Early Learning have provided feedback.

## **TAC Update**

Ms. Stachnik provided an update on TAC.

- Meeting was held on March 8, 2021 via zoom
- Schools are holding Saturday school with Title I funds
- Reviewed the two Title I survey results. Results have not been aggregated at the school level. A spring survey will also be released in April.
- Presentation on parent liaisons. The liaisons are assisting parent questions with Canvas, fielding DA questions (non-technical) and connecting families to support services
- Whole Child Leon provided information on their Community Report.

## **SAC Chair**

Mr. Stachnik asked for information and announcements from SAC members.

Dr. McNeil made a motion to discuss the use of unexpended Title I funds for the purpose of purchasing test preparation materials for students. The district provided guidance funds can be used for this purpose. The motion was seconded, and the SAC Chair called a vote of SAC members. Members voted unanimously to approve Dr. McNeil's plan to purchase test-preparation materials with the residual Title I funds,

Ms. Richardson informed SAC member of the Leon Cares act which included providing rent and utility assistance to eligible families. She also described programs from Farmshare and Second Harvest. SAC members commended Ms. Richardson for her efforts in the community. For more information contact Ms. Richardson directly.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next SAC meeting:
  - April 20, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom

The meeting adjourned by the chair.