

SAC Meeting Minutes—April 20, 2021 (Approved 5/18/21)

The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Stachnik at 6:00 PM

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

The minutes will be posted on the Rickards SAC webpage.

Issue Presentation

Ms. White presented a proposal to SAC members about efforts to formalize a city-based academic scholarship for 4-year James S. Rickards High School students. She also proposed the city name the scholarship to honor former Mayor Dorothy “Dot” Inman-Johnson. A motion was made for SAC to support the proposal and have the SAC Chair to send a letter to the city commission in support of these requests. The motion was seconded, and the issue was approved unanimously. The SAC Chair will send the letter of support to Commissioner Williams-Cox as requested.

School Updates

SAC members had several presentations on school programs including:

- AVID
- JROTC
- Certified Nursing Assistant Program
- Fine Arts/Glass Blowing

Director Farmer provided an update on Rickards athletics spring sports. Several sports performed well, and others were still competing at the district level.

Principal Report

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

- Principal Cook reports Ms. Satchel will be sending information about Senior activities on the website. Ms. Satchel states information will be coming soon on virtual Convocation and Promenade.
- Seniors will have cap and gown distribution on June 1. There will be separate times for Brick and Mortar and Digital Academy pick-up
- Graduation rehearsal will be on June 11 at 9am at Cox Stadium

- Dr. Barnes presented on secondary courses requiring End of Course Exams. EOCs are not required for those graduating this year. Current Juniors and below will be subject to exams. Those passing the Geometry EOC will be able to receive credit for the Algebra EOC. More updates will be provided to parents via the Rickards Listserv.
- Principal Cook reminded SAC members the SAC Chair term for Mr. Stachnik ends soon. There will be upcoming elections for a new SAC Chair. Rickards will also need a Title One Advisory Council representative for Rickards as Mrs. Stachnik ends her term. Principal Cook will work with SAC members on the process to recommend new leaders.
- Construction – Principal Cook reports construction continues to be going well.
- Mid-Term Progress Reports – Progress reports are coming soon. Attendance is critical this time of the year. Significant absences can lead to a students' Driver's License being suspended. Students with attendance issues are encouraged to work with the school to remediate. Students should be receiving forms from teacher where final exams can be exempted.

DAC Update

Ms. Wells provided an update on several topics from DAC including highlights on:

- Graduation – Seniors will receive 6 tickets instead of 4 for graduation.
- Schools will hold "Promenades" where students can take formal-wear photos.
- DAC provided a legislative update to State Government.
- Leon County had over 3,000 applications for emergency housing assistance.
- Update on the Girl Flow project providing hygiene products.
- School Board is contemplating a plan to have advisory councils meet on a quarterly basis instead of current monthly basis.

TAC Update

Ms. Stachnik provided an update on TAC.

- The April meeting was cancelled at the last minute without explanation. Ms. Stachnik will provide more information at the next SAC meeting.
- The Spring Title 1 survey is available and will close on May 28, 2021. The links are available in the listserv.

SAC Chair

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

Mr. Stachnik reminded all members his term will be ending soon. He encouraged SAC members to express interest in the SAC Chair and SAC Secretary position. He offered his assistance in the transition and thanked Mr. Minor for his assistance when he transitioned.

Next Meeting

- The next SAC meeting:
 - May 18, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom

The meeting adjourned by the chair at 7:06pm.